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[f.15. '...Mr Matthew Alsoppe...for calling this court a bawdy court.']

‘The act books of Church courts are among the more strikingly repulsive of all the relics of the past - written in cramped and hurried hands, in very abbreviated and technical Latin, often preserved (if that is the right word) in fairly noisome conditions, ill-sorted and mostly unlisted, unindexed and sometimes broken in pieces... Only young scholars, still enthusiastic, physically strong, and possessed of a sound digestion, are advised to tackle these materials. On the other hand, they offer a most promising field to research because they illumine the history of Church and people in ways that no other source can. They take one to the realities. This is because of the wide range of cases that came before these courts, and because that range touched the human being so very near his personal centre.’

(G.R. Elton, *The Sources of History: England 1200-1640* (1969), p.105.)

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Title: The 'bawdy court' was the derogatory name commonly given to the church courts,
much of whose business was concerned with the detection and punishment of 'incontinency'.

Cover illustration: The Reverend William Whateley (or Wheatley),
from the frontispiece of his book *Prototypes*, published in 1640.
He was Vicar of Banbury, 1610 - 1639 (and thus throughout the period of this Act Book).
As a Sub-Commissary he appears frequently in this record.
He must have been well-known to every Banbury inhabitant who came before the Court.

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PREFACE

It was the stimulating series of lectures on the history of Banbury, given by Mr E.R.C. Brinkworth in 1957, which led to the foundation of the Banbury Historical Society, and his rare professional skills and personal commitment were to guide and encourage the Society for the next twenty years. Since his death in 1978 the Society has stood as his proud and lasting memorial.

It was as a pupil at Dashwood Road Elementary School in the early 1930s that I really got to know Mr Brinkworth, although he was already a friend of the family: my elder brother and sister had already been at the school and my father knew him well. At home we always spoke of him as 'Brinky', and it was as Brinky that he was kind enough to become my friend for life.

He seldom spoke of his early years. He was not a Banburian by birth, his roots were in the West Country. I gathered that there were family connections, at least on his mother's side, in the Bath area, and he was, for a time, a boarder at a school in Bridport in Dorset before the family - his father was a schoolmaster - moved to Banbury in about 1914 and Brinky became a pupil at Banbury Municipal School, where his contemporary and friend was Christopher Cheney, who was later to become a distinguished mediævalist and the holder of a Chair in History at Cambridge. He did his teacher training at Culham, was back in Banbury in 1921 on the staff of Dashwood Road School, and remained there for the next twenty-six years.

But Brinky's real vocation was scholarship. Throughout those Dashwood Road years he was patiently laying the solid foundation of his later eminence in the field of ecclesiastical history (in particular, the work of the church courts), palæography and the history of Banbury where he now shares a place of honour with Beesley and Potts. Much of his out-of-school time was spent working in the Bodleian at Oxford, but he was also a familiar figure in the Banbury Public Library in Marlborough Road; I was in the Sixth Form at the County School during the early war years and used to meet up with him in the Library most evenings.

The 1940s were important years for Brinky. In January, 1942, he read a fascinating paper to the Royal Historical Society on 'The Study and Use of Archdeacons' Court Records: Illustrated from the Oxford Records (1566-1759)'; the same year, and in 1946, his two volumes of *The Archdeacon's Court: Liber Actorum, 1584*, were published by the Oxfordshire Record Society; he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and in 1947 he was able, at last, to give up the drudgery of teaching when he was appointed to the Department of Extra-mural Studies at the University of Birmingham as Resident

Staff Tutor for South Warwickshire. Two years later he was formally admitted to the degree of B.Litt. at Oxford with his 'Study of the Visitation Books of the Archdeaconry of Buckingham, 1633-36.'

We shared a great love for Oxford. After the war, when I was an undergraduate and reading History, we forsook the reference and newspaper rooms of Banbury Library for the Bodleian, where we read, and the Oxford Union, where we regularly met for tea. We delighted in the wonderful 'characters' of the University, men like Billy Pantin of Oriel, A.L. Rowse of All Souls, the remarkable C.T. Atkinson, one of my tutors at Exeter, and, perhaps the greatest character of them all, the erudite and eccentric Canon Claude Jenkins of Christ Church. At the time, Claude Jenkins was Brinky's supervisor for the B.Litt., so he knew him very well; and, years later, when *Shakespeare and the Bawdy Court of Stratford* came out, A.L. Rowse was unstinting in his praise and charmed Brinky with his kind hospitality at All Souls.

The Birmingham years were also extremely happy for Brinky. Most of all, he liked 'the atmosphere of real friendship' in the Extra-mural Department and felt greatly privileged to be part of it; and he cherished those friends, like Philip Styles of Warwick and W.E. Tate of Leeds, who were involved with him in the running of courses at Birmingham, Worcester, Lichfield, Coventry, Warwick, and the prestigious Annual Summer School of Shakespeare Studies at Stratford-upon-Avon.

It is our good fortune to be the beneficiaries of Brinky's skills as both palaeographer and historian. His transcripts of *Banbury Wills and Inventories, 1591-1650*, the *South Newington Churchwardens' Accounts, 1553-1684*, and, above all, the monumental *Banbury Corporation Accounts, 1554-1741*, exemplify the most demanding standards of scholarship which he set himself and achieved. His short history of Banbury and his fascinating, but all too brief, *Shakespeare and the Bawdy Court of Stratford* reveal his great and enviable gift of being able to combine impeccable scholarship with a remarkable simplicity, clarity and elegance of language; his broadcasts, his lectures and talks to a hundred and one local clubs and societies, his articles in popular papers and magazines as well as in learned journals, all bear testimony to this singular gift.

In 1972 he received a Leverhulme grant for two years for a study of 'Highly Current Hands in England, c.1550-1600', with the idea of a book as the result. In 1975 he was planning a further book on new Shakespeare findings among the Sackville papers and Star Chamber depositions. Sadly, neither was brought to completion.

The earliest surviving Act Book of the Court of the Banbury Peculiar, amongst the Diocesan records, then in the Bodleian Library, was for 1625/6 - 1638. The Banbury Historical Society had this microfilmed and photocopied, so he might,

over a considerable number of years, work on the Calendar printed here. This Calendar was passed, on his death, to the Society, but, in its unedited state, was put on one side. Many years elapsed before the opportunity arose for the General Editor to invite me to prepare and edit it as a volume in the Records Series, and I agreed to undertake this.

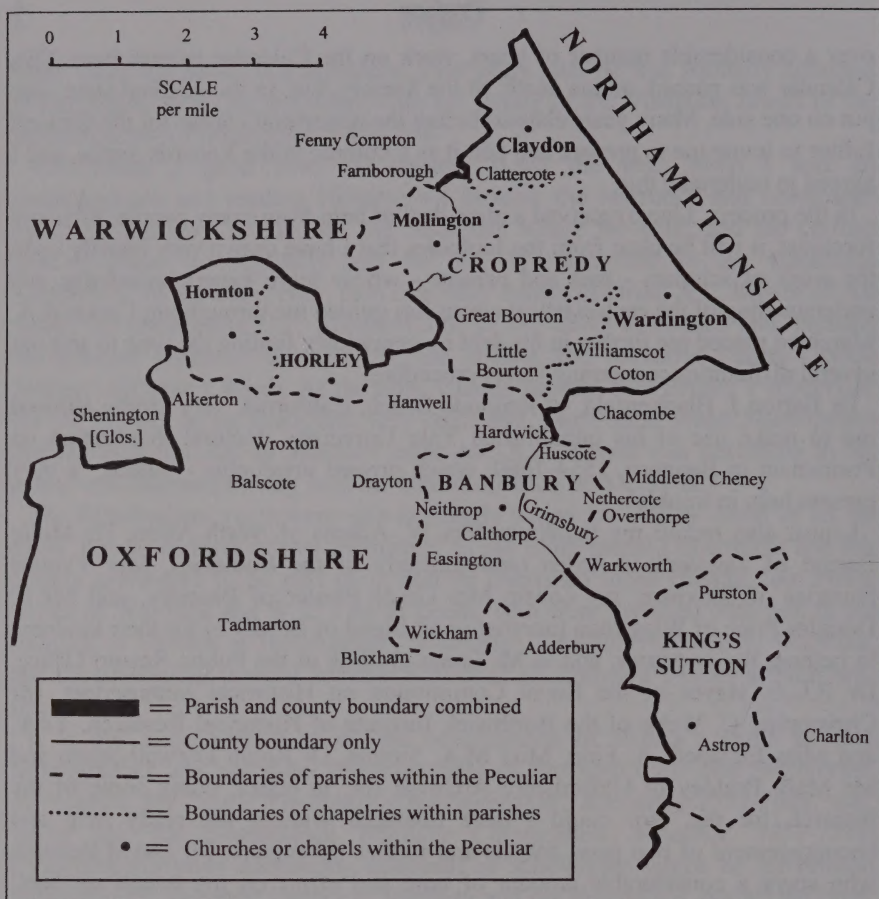
In the process, I have received a great deal of help from many people. First and foremost, it will be clear from the footnotes that I have drawn very heavily upon the work of scholars - past and present - whose more expert knowledge and understanding of the ecclesiastical courts has guided me throughout; Canon R.A. Marchant placed me further in his debt by generously finding the time to sort out several difficulties concerning Court procedure.

Dr Barton J. Blankenfeld, of Redondo Beach, California, very kindly allowed me to make use of his unpublished Yale University doctoral dissertation on Puritanism in Banbury, 1554-1660, which proved invaluable - indeed, 'a very present help in trouble'.

I must also record my thanks to Mrs W. Adams of North Aston, Dr Molly Barratt of Tanworth-in-Arden (and formerly of the Bodleian), Mrs Yvonne Huntriss of Bloxham, my cousin Mrs Grace Plester of Banbury, and Mr F. Douglas Price of Wigginton (another good friend of Brinky's) for their kindness in helping my enquiries; and to Mr James Guthrie of the Public Record Office, Dr R.C.E. Hayes of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, Mr Christopher C. Webb of the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, York, and Miss Elizabeth A. Finn, Miss M.A. Simms, Dr Robin Darwall-Smith and Mr Mark Priddey of Oxfordshire Archives for, in effect, doing some of my research for me. Nor could I have managed without the ready help and encouragement of two good friends and former colleagues: Mr David Bennett, who spent a considerable amount of time and effort on my behalf on book searches and the recurring drudgery of photo-copying, and Mr John Frood, who showed both friendship and fortitude in reading through my early draft of the Introduction.

Mr Jeremy Gibson has been at hand with help and assistance at all times; he invited me to undertake the work in the first place and has overseen or carried out all the several stages of production, from the initial word-processing (meticulously undertaken by Mrs Elizabeth Hampson), through stringent sub-editing, to the final printing of the finished volume, assisted by a generous grant from the Governors of the Greening Lamborn Trust.

It has been said that, in studying the records of the ecclesiastical courts, 'much labour is apt to produce little save material for a historical gossip column.' I hope that this volume will have achieved rather more than that; I hope, too, that Brinky would have approved.



The Court of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln in the Peculiar of Banbury.

Banbury - a parish partly in Oxfordshire and partly in Northamptonshire, including the township of Neithrop, Oxfordshire (itself containing the hamlets of Wickham, Hardwick and Calthorpe...), Easington, Oxfordshire, and the hamlets of Grimsbury (containing Huscote) and Nethercote, both in Northamptonshire...

Cropredy - a parish partly in Oxfordshire and partly in Warwickshire, including the chapelries of Claydon and Wardington, Oxfordshire (the latter itself containing the hamlets of Coton and Williamscot, or Wilsco), the chapelry of Mollington, partly in Oxfordshire and partly in Warwickshire, and the hamlets of Great and Little Bourton, Oxfordshire.

King's Sutton - a parish in Northamptonshire, including parts of the hamlets of Astrop, Charlton and Purston, which hamlets are in the parishes of King's Sutton and Newbottle.

Horley and Hornton - parishes in Oxfordshire [in fact Hornton was a chapelry of Horley]. (Description in the MS index to Oxfordshire Peculiar Court Wills by Edward Cheyne, Oxon. Archives.)

INTRODUCTION

The Manuscript

The manuscript, MS. Oxon. Dioc. Papers, c.16, records the Acts of the Court of the Banbury Peculiar from Tuesday, 3 January, 1625/6, to Monday, 10 October, 1638, and covers 139 folios.

The record is made in Latin and English: Latin for the formalities - the date, time and place of meeting, the name and status of the Judge and the Registrar, the statement of causes and the action taken by the Court, much abbreviated in forms which would be known by the clerk and by anyone else likely to consult the record - English for the actual words used by the defendants and witnesses; the transition from Latin to English is irregular, but immediate within the sentence. The clerk, probably from Oxford like his superiors, used Latin more than is usual in records of this kind, and it is accurate. Just on one occasion he allows an impish sense of humour to get the better of his scholarly discipline when he concocts a fine hybrid rendering to identify the Court's place of meeting - 'in hospitio vocat le signe of the Swan'! (f.50).

The entries vary in length, some no more than the name of the defendant and the charge (and not always that), others written at considerable length. The scheduled cases would seem to have been written in first (four or five to a page), in advance of the court session, and leaving enough space (hopefully) in which to add the court proceedings and/or judgement afterwards. However, when that space proves to be inadequate for the record the clerk, as in the case against James Pettifer for incontinence (f.127), ranges from f.127 to f.126v, then back to f.127, filling up all available spaces between previously recorded cases and indicating the sequence of his recording by lines drawn across and around the several entries. Differences in handwriting in the manuscript show that several clerks were employed during the course of compiling the Act Book.

The Banbury Peculiar

When the see of Dorchester-on-Thames was moved to Lincoln in 1072, Banbury, which had been in the possession of the Bishop of Dorchester, passed to the Bishop of Lincoln.¹ As a prebendal church Banbury endowed a canon in Lincoln Cathedral and Banbury rectory was impropriated, i.e. its land and tithes were held in lay hands.

Banbury's status as a peculiar, or exempt jurisdiction, began when Robert de Chesney, Bishop of Lincoln from 1148 to 1155, made all the prebendal parishes in his diocese exempt from his jurisdiction and that of his archdeacon. The

¹ Alan Crossley (ed.), *Victoria History of the County of Oxford [VCH]*, vol. 10, *Banbury Hundred* (1972), p.6.

parish of Banbury, 4,634 acres in extent, with a population of c.2,500 in the first forty years of the seventeenth century,² included Easington and the township of Neithrop (containing the hamlets of Wickham, Hardwick, and Calthorpe) in Oxfordshire, and the hamlets of Grimsbury (containing Huscote) and Nethercote in Northamptonshire; additionally, the jurisdiction of the Banbury Peculiar extended to the parishes of Horley and Hornton in Oxfordshire, King's Sutton (including parts of the hamlets of Astrop, Charlton and Purston) in Northamptonshire, and, also in Oxfordshire, the parish of Cropredy, which included the chapelries of Claydon and Wardington (the latter containing the hamlets of Coton and Williamscothe), the hamlets of Great and Little Bourton and the chapelry of Mollington, which lay partly in Warwickshire.³

When Henry VIII created the diocese of Oxford by letters patent in 1542,⁴ and when the prebend was dissolved some six years later, Banbury preserved its status as 'a peculiar belonging to Lincoln and not subject to any Episcopal Visitation',⁵ and it was the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln who appointed the Commissary to preside over the proceedings of the Peculiar Court. Although the prebend ceased to exist, the estate remained; having been acquired by the Crown in 1551, it was granted to the Bishop of Oxford by Queen Elizabeth I in 1589 and he leased it out to the Fiennes family until the late 1620s and, for the next thirty years, to the Vivers family.⁶ After 1542 it was not clear whether the Banbury Peculiar belonged to the Lincoln or the Oxford diocese, although the Dean and Chapter maintained Lincoln's jurisdiction.

Matters came to a head when Thomas Secker was Bishop of Oxford (1737-58) over his claim to have authority to visit, institute and confirm. Asked to adjudicate in the matter, the Bishop of Salisbury, in 1745, gave his opinion in favour of Oxford;⁷ however, it was not until 1808, in fact, that the Bishop of Oxford carried out regular visitations, and Lincoln's 'jurisdiction over the Oxfordshire peculiars, not seriously questioned until the late eighteenth century, continued to be exercised until the mid-nineteenth century'.⁸

The Church itself was never happy about the exempt jurisdictions as they 'were always considered as interfering with the beneficial exercise of the

² Barton J. Blankenfeld, 'Puritans in the Provinces: Banbury, Oxfordshire, 1554-1660', Yale University Ph.D. dissertation (1985), p.263 (with reference to Table 3 on p.85).

³ J.S.W. Gibson (ed.), *Index to Wills Proved in the Peculiar Court of Banbury, 1542-1858*, O.R.S. vol. 40/B.H.S. vol. 1 (1959), pp. x (map), xi.

⁴ Authorized by 31 Henry VIII, c.9.

⁵ F.N. Davies (ed.), *Parochial Collections of Wood and Rawlinson*, O.R.S. vol. 2 (1920), p.21.

⁶ *V.C.H.* vol. 10, p.48.

⁷ A.P. Jenkins (ed.), *The Correspondence of Bishop Secker, Bishop of Oxford 1737-58*, O.R.S. vol. 57 (1991), pp. xv, 28-30, 92, 128, 130, 134-8, 207.

⁸ *V.C.H.* vol. 10, p.97.

authority of the Bishop of the Diocese.⁹ The Commissioners appointed to revise the ecclesiastical laws in the reigns of Henry VIII and Edward VI recommended 'that the power of the Bishop in matters of discipline should extend to all places within the diocese', while in the reign of Elizabeth I it was suggested in Convocation that the support of Parliament should be enlisted to the same end. Indeed, Parliament went far beyond that in the 1640s when it abolished the ecclesiastical courts altogether, their functions being taken over by the Justices of the Peace and the Courts of Quarter Session; but the structure of ecclesiastical justice was revived after the restoration of Charles II in 1660, and the church courts (apart from the Court of High Commission, which had aroused especial resentment) continued to play an active social role throughout the rest of the seventeenth century and into the eighteenth.¹⁰ Nevertheless, doubts about the Peculiar Courts remained.

A principal clause in a Bill, passed by the House of Commons in 1812 but subsequently dropped in the House of Lords, required that ecclesiastical causes 'should be exercised, only, by Ecclesiastical Courts sitting under the immediate commission and authority of Archbishops and Bishops, and not by inferior or other Ecclesiastical Courts'. Joseph Phillimore, an Advocate in Doctors' Commons and Chancellor of the Diocese of Oxford, in evidence before the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts in 1830, described the Peculiar Courts as 'the remnants of antiquated abuses' and believed they should be abolished;¹¹ in its Report of 1832 the Royal Commission took the same view, proposing that 'places now subject to Peculiar Jurisdiction, should be made a component part of some Archdeaconry'.¹² The powers of the Peculiar Court were whittled away during the early years of Victoria's reign,¹³ and its last remaining power - that of probate, 'the very mainstay of the courts' - was transferred to the civil jurisdiction in 1857.¹⁴

The Peculiar Court: Meeting Place

Had it not been a Peculiar, Banbury would have come under the jurisdiction of the Archdeacon's Court at Oxford, and parishioners cited to appear would have

⁹ 1832 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, p.21.

¹⁰ 13 Charles II, st.1, c.12; Martin Ingram, *Church Courts, Sex and Marriage in England, 1570-1640* (1987), p.7.

¹¹ 1832 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, Appendix A, No. 20, p.152.

¹² *Ibid.*, pp. 21-2.

¹³ 1 & 2 Victoria, c.106; 3 & 4 Victoria, c.86; 10 & 11 Victoria, c.98 (and continued by 21 & 22 Victoria, c.50 and 30 & 31 Victoria, c.143); 18 & 19 Victoria, c.41 ended ecclesiastical jurisdiction over defamation.

¹⁴ 20 & 21 Victoria, c.77; Ralph Houlbrooke, *Church Courts and the People during the English Reformation 1520-1570* (1979), p, 271.

faced considerable expenditure of time and consequent loss of earnings because of the travelling that would have been involved.

As it was, the regular visitations and meetings of the Court of the peculiar and exempt jurisdiction of Banbury were held on home ground, usually within the parish church of St. Mary, a place 'convenient for Entertainment of those that are to make their Appearance there, and most indifferent for their travel', and at 'such convenient time, as every man may return homewards in due course as may be'.¹⁵

Benches and chairs would have been set out in the choir (*in choro*), that part of the church 'east of the screen or pulpitum and west of the presbytery, in which the service is sung';¹⁶ as St. Mary's was 'rather like a cathedral than a common parochial church',¹⁷ almost a cricket-pitch long from screen to East Window and some 24 feet wide with no organ or communion table to restrict the space (the communion table was in the nave),¹⁸ there would have been plenty of room for those who were involved.¹⁹

Sometimes three, but usually two, sessions were held in a year, roughly around Easter and Michaelmas, the latter (several times referred to as 'the winter session' - *in hiberno*) often taking place very much later, and, on one occasion, even running into January. Sometimes the assembly moved to the Judge's house or to a local hostelry (the Swan Inn is specifically mentioned, f.50).

The Peculiar Court: Officials - The Commissary

The Commissary (*commissarius*) was appointed by the Dean of Lincoln to serve as Ordinary in the Peculiar Court, the presiding official, executing the *officium domini* - 'the bishop's office'. He was the Judge; he conducted visitations; in testamentary matters he proved wills and granted administration; he swore in the year's churchwardens and sidesmen and generally acted just as the archdeacons did in their courts; he also granted marriage licences and inducted clerks.

Canon 127 of 1603 set out 'The Quality and Oath of Judges': he had to be at least twenty-six years of age, 'Learned in the Civil and Ecclesiastical Laws...at the least a Master of Arts or Batchelor of Law, ...zealously bent to Religion' and 'touching whose Life and Manners no evil Example is had'; he was required to take the Oath of Supremacy and to subscribe to the Articles of Religion.

¹⁵ 1603 Canon 125 'Convenient Places to be chosen for the keeping of Courts'.

¹⁶ Alec Clifton-Taylor, *The Cathedrals of England* (1974), p.277.

¹⁷ F. Grose, *Antiquities*, vol. 4, p.170.

¹⁸ State Papers Domestic, Charles I, 16/50/63.

¹⁹ A plan of the Old Church is given in Eleanor Draper and William Potts, *The Parish Church, St. Mary's, Banbury* (1907), facing p.62; this volume also contains a section (pp. 51-91) on 'The Former Parish Church of Banbury' by William Potts.

Banbury's Commissary, in the period 1625/6 to 1638 covered by this Act Book, was Giles Sweit (Swett, Sweat), a graduate of Oriel College, Oxford.²⁰ He had acted as a proctor in the Oxford Vice-Chancellor's Court from 1615 to 1623, was Official of the Dorchester Peculiar by 1625, and the session in Banbury of 3 January, 1625/6 (the first recorded in the Act Book) would seem to have been the occasion of his first appearance as Official of the Banbury Peculiar.²¹ From 1632, when he received the degree of D.C.L. from St. Mary Hall, Oxford and entered Doctors' Commons, until 1670, he was also Official of the Archdeacon of Oxford.

Whenever he was unable to preside as Commissary, Sweit had the power to appoint a substitute (as, indeed, did the other officials and the proctors), provided that substitute was 'either a grave Minister and a Graduate, or a licensed publick Preacher, and a beneficed Man near the Place where the courts are kept, or a Batchelor of Law, or a Master of Arts at least, who hath some skill in the Civil and Ecclesiastical Law, and is a Favourer of true Religion, and a Man of Modest and Honest Conversation'.²² Substitutes named in the Act Book are John French, one of the proctors; George Harford, schoolmaster, and later Vicar of Banbury from 1641 to 1649; Richard Ingram, Rector of Shenington; John Clarkson, Vicar of Horley; Benjamin Lovell, schoolmaster and curate of Horley; Francis Little, curate of Cowley; and the redoubtable William Wheatley (Whateley), Vicar of Banbury from 1610 to 1639 (see front cover).

The Peculiar Court: Officials - the Registrar

The efficiency of the Court especially depended upon the administrative skills of the Registrar (*registrarius*). He was always a Notary Public, probably trained as the pupil of an established notary, a sound Latin scholar, and an expert in the matter of court procedure. 'He determined the time and order of the hearing of cases; entered the *acta* of the court in the various registers, supervised the dispatch of citations, letters of suspension and excommunication, and directly controlled the activity of the apparitors. He received the fees, examined witnesses and conducted inquisitions, as ordered by the judge'.²³ He exercised some patronage as the employer of the clerks, and, as need arose, like the Commissary and the proctors, was served by a deputy; his position provided opportunities for influencing the course of proceedings, and even the subsequent

²⁰ See biography, Calendar f.1, note 1.

²¹ Brian P. Levack, *The Civil Lawyers in England 1603-1641: A Political Study* (1973), p.274, describes him as 'Official of the Peculiar of King's Sutton, 1626', with no mention of Banbury.

²² 1603 Canon 128, 'The Quality of Surrogates'.

²³ B.L. Woodcock, *Medieval Ecclesiastical Courts in the Diocese of Canterbury* (1952), p.38.

judgements of the Court held out prospects of financial reward from grateful litigants and others whose blameworthy activities had brought them before the Court.²⁴

It was usual for the Registrar to hold office for life and not unknown for him to secure the succession to this prestigious post for a member of his own family.²⁵ Over the period of this Act Book, Humphrey Jones, Notary Public, served as Registrar of the Banbury Peculiar Court; he is, in fact, described as 'Deputy Registrar' in the record of the first session held on 3 January, 1625/6, but only he attended every session thereafter as Registrar, until the last recorded, held on 10 October, 1638, when a new name - Gregory Remington - appears, who is described simply as 'Registrar &c.', which would suggest that he had come to the post as replacement, rather than as substitute, for Humphrey Jones.

The Peculiar Court: Officials - the Apparitor

The Apparitor, or Summoner (so called because it was his job to 'summon' persons to 'appear' as the Court required), made his first appearance in England in the thirteenth century,²⁶ and had soon established an unenviable, but not undeserved, reputation as the insidious and 'ubiquitous agent of ecclesiastical jurisdiction'.²⁷

He was, first and foremost, the Court's messenger, delivering the Court's citations to those parishioners presented by the churchwardens and to principals and witnesses in instance cases. If possible, he served each citation personally, but if, either by accident or design, the intended recipient was not at home, then the summons was nailed to his front door, or to the door of his parish church. The apparitor attended all the Court sessions and acted as beadle, ushering the participants to their places to be ready at hand when called.

Generally of humble status, the apparitor had to be literate, not necessarily understanding Latin, although some familiarity with that language would doubtless have come with experience.²⁸ Certainly the job was an arduous, and

²⁴ Rosemary O'Day, 'The role of the registrar in diocesan administration', in O'Day and Heal (eds.), *Continuity and Change: personnel and administration of the Church in England, 1500-1642* (1976), pp. 77-94. C.W. Brooks, R.H. Helmholz, P.G. Stein, *Notaries Public in England since the Reformation* (1991), pp. 30-37.

²⁵ Ingram, op.cit., p.62.

²⁶ Louis A. Haselmayer, 'The Apparitor and Chaucer's Summoner', *Speculum*, vol. 12 (1937), pp. 44-5.

²⁷ Woodcock, op.cit., p.45.

²⁸ Chaucer's Summoner '...wouldn't speak a word except in Latin

When he was drunk, such tags as he was pat in;

He only had a few, say two or three

That he had mugged up out of some decree.'

(Nevill Coghill (tr.), *The Canterbury Tales* (1951), p.42, *The Prologue*.)

often dangerous, one; it involved constant tramping through the parish, and no one was pleased to see him, because not only did his official activities generate considerable hostility - abuse and assault, even - but it was felt that he was all the time acting as the eyes and ears of the ecclesiastical authorities, always snooping, picking up gossip, and monitoring the daily (and nocturnal) activities of his fellow parishioners 'as a kind of ecclesiastical gestapo',²⁹ then passing on the names of those who were offending - or suspected of offending - against church law so that the churchwardens could include them in their presentments.

In common with the Commissary and the Registrar, the apparitor was paid by fees, so, like them, he had a pecuniary interest in the volume of court business; moreover, his inside knowledge of parish goings-on must often have tempted him to augment his income by means of blackmail, turning a blind eye, perhaps, in return for some payment in cash or kind. However, there is no evidence to suggest that the Banbury apparitor was involved in any such practices, and it has been suggested that, overall, 'it is unlikely that the problem [of corrupt dealing] was a really serious one. Apparitors accused of grave irregularities were liable to be dismissed from office, not least because such venality was likely to diminish the legitimate fee income of judges and registrars';³⁰ it could well be that apparitors 'were mostly humble officers obeying their superiors'.³¹

John Johnson, apparitor for the Banbury Peculiar, is referred to only three times in the Act Book: testifying 'that he had duly executed all mandates to be introduced by him in this court' (3 January, 1625/6) (f.1); delivering a citation (14 December, 1626) (f.13v); and confirming that timber wrongfully stored in the churchyard had been cleared away (7 October, 1635) (f.114v). By the session of 14 March 1635/6, one Timothy Harrys was apparitor (f.132), but there is no record in the Banbury Burial Register of John Johnson's death, nor is there any other record of this Timothy Harrys. Earlier in the century, Henry Smith held the post - certainly from 1610 to 1620 - in which years the churchwardens of Hornton, Mollington and Wardington were instructed to send their presentments to him 'at the signe of Talbote of Ireland his house' at Banbury.³² When an apparitor followed a trade, he sometimes supplemented his income by carrying that on at the same time as he discharged his court responsibilities; Henry Smith may have done this, if he was the 'Henry Smith,

²⁹ Woodcock, *op.cit.*, p.49.

³⁰ Ingram, *op.cit.*, p.66.

³¹ F.G. Emmison, *Elizabethan Life: Morality and the Church Courts* (1973), p.313. T.F. Barton (trans.), *Registrum Vagum of Anthony Harison*, Part 1, Norfolk Record Society, vol. 32 (1963), gives a form of oath (pp. 31, 43-4) and the duties (pp. 46-8) required of an apparitor in the Norwich Diocese c.1603.

³² S.A. Peyton (ed.), *The Churchwardens' Presentments in the Oxfordshire Peculiars*, O.R.S. vol. 10 (1928), pp. 267, 268, 277, 314.

curriar', whose burial is recorded on 2 August, 1627. In 1622 the churchwardens of King's Sutton referred to William Warton as 'our aparetour'.³³

The Jurisdiction of the Court

As the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts extended to so many areas of everyday life - to testamentary and matrimonial causes, which were of a civil and temporal nature, to matters like tithes and church rates, which were part civil, part spiritual in character, and, above all, to the spiritual concerns relating to church discipline and the correction of a wide range of moral offences - there was little chance that it could be avoided, either by clergy or laity.³⁴

Instance Suits: Procedure, Proctors

The church courts dealt with all these matters as either Instance Suits, or Office Suits.

Instance Suits were actions *inter pares*, that is, they were initiated by one private person against another, and not by the court; they are recorded as 'A.B. contra C.D.', A.B. being the plaintiff (*pars actrix*), or prosecution side of the case, and C.D. the defendant (*pars rea*), or defence side of the case.³⁵ The Act Book of the Banbury Peculiar records twenty-four such cases, ten of them concerned with defamation, eight with the payment of tithes, and six on issues arising from wills; they are indexed on page 232.

Having decided to embark on the suit, the plaintiff would ask the Registrar to issue a citation to the defendant. Often the delivery of the citation by the apparitor was encouragement enough for the defendant to satisfy the plaintiff's claim, thus making any further action in the suit unnecessary. Often, too, the apparitor could not find the defendant to put the citation directly into his hand, so his next attempt had to ensure that the summons was served 'by whatever means possible' (*viis et modis*), such as nailing it to the defendant's house-door, to the door of his parish church, or by passing it to the vicar for him to proclaim it in church during divine service, perhaps even to the accompaniment of 'the tolling of a bell, or the sound of a trumpet, or the erecting of a banner';³⁶ failure to turn up then would put the defendant in contempt of the Court and under the threat of excommunication.

When the citation was answered, either or both of the parties involved could appoint proctors to act for them, 'to explain their rights, to manage and instruct

³³ Ibid., p.296.

³⁴ 1832 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, pp. 12-13; 1883 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, vol. 1, p. xxii.

³⁵ J.S. Purvis, *An Introduction to Ecclesiastical Records* (1953), p.65.

³⁶ R. Burn, *The Ecclesiastical Law* (ed. R. Phillimore, 4 vols., 1842), vol. 1, p.383.

their cause, and to demand judgement'.³⁷ Although they discharged duties similar to those of solicitors and attornies in other courts, not all proctors were law graduates; many, in fact, were 'public notaries who acquired their legal knowledge through apprenticeship to an existing proctor or in the registrar's office'.³⁸ There is nothing to suggest that the proctors employed in the Court of the Banbury Peculiar were inefficient or unreliable, but proctors generally did come in for a deal of criticism; the 1603 Canons, for example, set out a strict prescription of their position and responsibilities (Canons 129, 130, 131, 132), and Canon 133 castigated proctors in the Archbishop's Court for their 'troublesome and offensive' conduct, their attitude of 'Contempt and Calumny toward the Court itself', and threatened them with removal from practice unless they refrained from 'loud Speech and Brawling' and behaved themselves 'quietly and modestly'.³⁹

Time was allowed ('probatory terms') for each side to prove its case, when witnesses were called, who took the *ex officio* oath and were questioned by both sides; then the Judge, having called on the proctors to 'propound all acts', brought the case to a close, setting a date for the parties involved to receive his considered and 'definitive judgement' (although not his reasons for arriving at it), together with a Bill of taxed Costs.⁴⁰

The majority of the Banbury cases do not run the full course up to the giving of the sentence, the clerk recording the fact that agreement had been reached between the parties by writing either 'concordat', or 'pax'; in the minority of cases the record leaves the outcome somewhat uncertain, but there must be a strong possibility that they, too, were similarly concluded.

In these 24 instance cases, 42 people were directly involved, all of them clearly recognizing the authority of the Court, and, one can assume, having sufficient confidence in the Court's procedure to bring or contest the suit in the first place. Dr. Marchant has argued that 'within its historical context, the church courts' procedure was not as out of line with contemporary standards of justice as is sometimes made to appear', and has shown that 'the defendant in a church court enjoyed certain substantial advantages not enjoyed by a person accused in the secular courts of the time'.⁴¹

³⁷ Burn, *op.cit.*, vol. 3, p.376.

³⁸ Ingram, *op.cit.*, p.61.

³⁹ 1603 Canon 133, 'Proctors not to be clamorous in Court'.

⁴⁰ Woodcock, *op.cit.*, p.59; pp. 50-61 for detailed procedure. See also Purvis, *op.cit.*, pp. 66-70.

⁴¹ R.A. Marchant, *The Church Under the Law: Justice, Administration and Discipline in the Diocese of York, 1560-1640* (1969), pp. 6-7.

Office Suits: Procedure, Compurgation

Most of the cases recorded in the Act Book of the Court of the Banbury Peculiar, which were offences against statute or canon law, were Office Suits, known as *ex officio mero* ('of mere office'), or *ex mero motu* ('on mere motion'), cases where the Judge was acting to correct faults by virtue of his office; in the Act Book each *ex officio* case is introduced with the words *Officium Domini contra A.B.* ('the Office of the Judge against A.B.'), and in the Court they were 'conducted on a far more *ad hoc* basis, free from the elaborate conjunction of parties, proctors, and witnesses that Instance business involved'.⁴²

Whatever the charge, if the defendant admitted his guilt, the case would be dealt with summarily, the Judge ticking him off soundly and often at considerable length, and ordering him to do penance. If, however, he maintained his innocence and the charge was one of suspected immorality,⁴³ the defendant was required to 'purge' himself by bringing along to a later session of the court a certain number of his friends, or neighbours who knew him well, to testify, not to his actual guilt or innocence, but to their belief that he was telling the truth in denying the charge against him; these were his 'compurgators'.⁴⁴

In the Court of the Banbury Peculiar four compurgators were usually required, the formula recorded in the Act Book being 'to purge with four' (ff. 1v, 7v, 16, 28v, 31v, 56v, 57v, 75, 132, 132v); the exceptions were Mary Bentley, ordered to purge with four, but who could produce only three (which was, nevertheless, accepted by the Court) (f.21), Thomas Charles, similarly instructed, who, in the event, produced five (f.82), and Frances Higgins, who herself offered to purge with five (f.15v). The Court had to accept purgation: 'If the person came at the day appointed together with his neighbours, and purged himself according to the rules of the church, he was dismissed, and declared innocent and restored to his good name; but he was at the same time enjoined to avoid the cause of suspicion or the ground of the fame for the time to come'.⁴⁵ On the same basis, if the defendant could not muster the required number of compurgators, or if they failed to put in an appearance, like those enlisted by William Wackton (f.41) and Matthew Long (f.86v), the Court took this as a clear manifestation of guilt and enjoined penance; however, the Court was usually prepared to allow the defendant additional time to muster his compurgators before proceeding to judgement.

⁴² Woodcock, *op.cit.*, p.30.

⁴³ Titus Buckingham, however, denied the charge of being drunk and produced four compurgators (f.56v), as did John Overbury, charged with drinking on the Sabbath when he ought to have been in church (f.62); purgation was accepted in both cases.

⁴⁴ R. Peters, *Oculus Episcopi: Administration in the Archdeaconry of St. Albans, 1580-1625* (1963), pp. 62-4.

⁴⁵ Burn, *op.cit.*, vol. 3, p.450.

It may well be that many a compurgator, putting friendship before justice, was guilty of perjury, but, not least in cases of immoral conduct, where the charge was more often based upon malicious gossip and rumour (fame) than upon hard evidence, compurgation was a way of drawing upon local knowledge to help in establishing guilt or innocence.⁴⁶ It was, however, an expensive exercise for the defendant, because, innocent or guilty, it meant he had additional fees to pay, as well as being expected to meet the fees and expenses of his compurgators. Having endured from Anglo-Saxon times, compurgation was effectively brought to an end by statute in 1660.⁴⁷

Office Suits: Presentments, Churchwardens, Sidesmen

Most Office cases resulted from the presentments, made twice-yearly at the spring visitation and the autumn synod, by the minister, the churchwardens and their assistants, the sidesmen.⁴⁸ The apparitor delivered notice of the date and time of the Court's assembly, and brought with him the 'Citation Mandate', which required clergy, churchwardens, sidesmen, parish clerks, schoolmasters, physicians and midwives to appear, and the 'Visitation Articles', which set out in detail those matters on which particular action was required.⁴⁹

The churchwardens saw a considerable increase in their duties during the seventeenth century. It was their responsibility, on behalf of the parishioners, to maintain in good condition the nave, aisles, tower and porch of the parish church, so that the interior should be 'clean and holy' and 'not loathsome to any, either by dust, sand, or any filthiness'.⁵⁰ (The chancel was the responsibility of the rector, or, if the rectory had been impropriated, of the 'farmer'.) They had to provide the books, surplices, ornaments and furnishings necessary for the proper celebration of church services,⁵¹ while outside they had to see that the churchyard was tidy and its walls or fences in good repair. At the end of each year of office they were required to render an account of all moneys they had received and payments they had made.⁵²

⁴⁶ Lawrence Stone, *The family, sex and marriage in England, 1500-1800* (1977), pp. 98-9, maintains that there was an 'extraordinary amount of back-biting, malicious slander... and petty spying' in the late sixteenth century, early seventeenth century village. See also f.127, case against James Pettifer.

⁴⁷ 13 Charles II, c.12. The last instance of the use of compurgation in England occurred in 1824 (King v. Williams); it was finally abolished in 1833 (3 & 4 William IV, c.42).

⁴⁸ 1603 Canon 113, 'Ministers may Present'.

⁴⁹ 1603 Canon 119, 'Convenient time to be assigned for framing Presentments'.

⁵⁰ 1571 Canons.

⁵¹ A.T. Hart, *The Country Clergy in Elizabethan and Stuart Times, 1558-1660* (1958), pp. 77-8; 1571 Canons; 1603 Canon 85; Burn, op.cit., vol. 1, pp. 351-2, vol. 4, p.15; Emmison, op.cit., p.260.

⁵² 1603 Canon 89. See ff. 111, 113v, 118, 118v.

And then there was their all-pervasive role as guardians of the community's morals and general behaviour, which demanded that they present those parishioners who offended 'their brethren, either by Adultery, Whoredom, Incest or Drunkenness, or by Swearing, Ribaldry, Usury, or any other Uncleaness and Wickedness of Life',⁵³ who were 'Schismatics',⁵⁴ 'Disturbers of Divine Service',⁵⁵ or whose actions brought them, in any way, within the cognizance of the Church's jurisdiction. The objective was to bring about a reformation of manners, the Church taking action against the offender, not by way of retribution (in theory, at least), but *pro salute animae* - 'for the health of the soul'; therefore, where the temporal law, by inflicting 'punishment upon the body, land or goods' was chastising the 'outward man', the spiritual law was reforming 'the inward', and thus the temporal and the spiritual law complemented one another 'to have the whole man inwardly and outwardly reformed'.⁵⁶

There is no doubt that the churchwardens had a difficult and tricky job to do; no doubt, too, that while some of them were conscientious - zealous, even - and fair in carrying out their onerous responsibilities, others were slothful and prejudiced, only too ready to 'turn the blind eye and the deaf ear'⁵⁷ and, with fingers crossed and hope for a quiet life, to report *Omne bene* ('All well') when responding to the Visitation Articles.⁵⁸

One can understand their sentiments; usually chosen from the better-off householders, they were often reluctant to serve, knowing that the strict exercise of their considerable authority could so easily alienate the members of the local community, including their own particular friends and neighbours; thus, when they made their presentments they were courting unpopularity and even future reprisal. Certainly, if every peccadillo had been reported, the church courts would have been snowed under with business, and most churchwardens appear to have followed a sensible middle course, ignoring trivialities and concentrating - as, indeed, the Canon Law required them to do - on the 'notorious Crimes and Scandals'.

⁵³ 1603 Canon 109, 'Notorious Crimes and Scandals to be certified into Ecclesiastical Courts by Presentment'; Eleanor Trotter, *Seventeenth Century Life in the Country Parish* (1919), p.23.

⁵⁴ 1603 Canon 110, 'Schismatics to be presented'.

⁵⁵ 1603 Canon 111, 'Disturbers of Divine Service to be presented'.

⁵⁶ Lord Coke in *Cawdrey's Case*, 1591, 5th Report, 344-5.

⁵⁷ E.R.C. Brinkworth (ed.), *The Archdeacon's Court: Liber Actorum, 1584*, vol. 2, p.vi, O.R.S. vol. 24 (1942).

⁵⁸ The churchwardens were required to 'swear to make true answer to the Book of Articles lately delivered to you, and to present all such offenders, and offences, as are therein enquired of, and this you shall do to the best of your knowledge without favour or malice to any person whatsoever' (Purvis, op.cit., p.51); Marchant, op.cit., p.183.

Although the Banbury churchwardens accepted the Canon Law view that presentments were necessary for 'the Glory of God and Reformation of Sin',⁵⁹ they also considered their value as a deterrent: in 1606/7 they made this clear to the Commissary: 'we have sent you the names and causes of presentment, of such as are faulty amongst us, intreatinge god to dyrectte your harte in ye reformation of them, that you may chiefly respect the glory of god, the good of the parties havinge offended, and that others seinge due execution done, according to the nature of the offence, may feare to offend, least a worse thing happen unto them'.⁶⁰

In the parish of Banbury three churchwardens and four sidesmen were chosen for the borough and, 'for places outside', two churchwardens and two sidesmen (f.76). Not all of those who were nominated were prepared to serve (ff. 39v, 90v), and some did so only reluctantly (f.113v); but the churchwardens do not appear to have been especially unpopular, as during the years covered by the Act Book there were only two cases of open criticism of them (ff. 37, 46), and the fact that a fair proportion of churchwardens and sidesmen were willing to serve for more than just the prescribed year would seem to indicate that they had not found the experience unbearable.

Office Suits: Testamentary Matters - Wills, Administration, *Bona Notabilia*, Temerarious Occupation.

Some 450 Office cases were dealt with by the Court of the Banbury Peculiar in the period 1625/6 to 1638 and are recorded in the Act Book. Of these, 190 are concerned with testamentary matters, representing *circa* forty per cent of the total business of the Court.

The church courts had acquired their jurisdiction over wills and administrations, which was of a purely civil and temporal nature, in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries,⁶¹ and retained it until 1857, when it passed to the Court of Probate.⁶² The Peculiar Court dealt with the proving of wills, issuing a Probate Act to authorize the executors to carry out the provisions of the will, and, in cases of intestacy, granting Letters of Administration to someone who, by signing a Testamentary or Administration Bond, agreed to undertake 'the true administration of the goods, chattels and debts' of the deceased.⁶³

⁵⁹ 1603 Canon 116, 'Churchwardens not bound to present oftener than twice a Year'.

⁶⁰ Peyton, *op.cit.*, p.200.

⁶¹ 1832 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, p.25; 1883 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, vol. 1, p. xxiii.

⁶² 20 & 21 Victoria, c.77.

⁶³ 21 Henry VIII, c.5, s.3. The oath was usually in this form: 'You shall swear, that you believe A.B., deceased, died without a will; and that you will well and truly administer all and every the goods of the said deceased, and pay his debts so far as his goods will extend;

Over the period 1529 to 1750, executors and administrators were responsible for the making of 'a true and perfect inventory of all the goods, chattels, wares, merchandizes, as well moveable as not moveable whatsoever' of the deceased;⁶⁴ the inventory was actually compiled by at least two disinterested parties. If, however, the deceased died in possession of what were called *bona notabilia* ('notable goods'), that is 'Goods or good Debts in any other Diocese or Dioceses, or peculiar Jurisdiction within that Province, than in that wherein the said Party died, amounting to the Value of Five Pounds',⁶⁵ in order to save the expense of separate probates, his will had to be proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, which, from Reformation times up to the mid-eighteenth century, met at Doctors' Commons in London. Where estates were small or disputes unlikely to arise, wills often went unproved to save the cost of probate.

The 1603 Canons (Canon 126), concerned that wills proved by 'Peculiar and Inferiour Courts' were often lost, required 'all such Possessors and Exercisers of peculiar Jurisdiction', once a year, to deposit with 'the publick Registry of the Bishop of the Diocese, or of the Dean and Chapter, under whose Jurisdiction the said Peculiars are', either the originals or true copies 'of every such Testament Examined, Subscribed and Sealed by the peculiar Judge and his Notary'.

In 52 of the testamentary cases the citation is against 'the temerarious occupier of the goods' (*temerarius occupator bonorum*) of the deceased, and not simply 'the occupier'. It is difficult to understand the significance of this distinction. According to Burn, action was taken in a cause of 'temerary administration' 'against any one who has unlawfully possessed himself of the goods of a deceased', and he quotes from Henry Conset's *Practice of the Spiritual Courts*, 1708, pt. 6, ch. 9, to describe the procedure: 'Before these causes of temerary administration are commenced, the executor ought to show to the party who doth temerarily administer the goods of the deceased, under the seal of the judge who proved it; likewise the lawful administrator ought to show the administration of the deceased's goods, under the seal of the judge who granted it, that so it may appear to the said party that the same goods are lawfully administered; and he must also call upon and request the said party to be cited, to deliver him the goods of the deceased which are in his custody, to the end that they may be appraised and inventoried, as also that the debts and legacies of the deceased may be paid, and that the same may be administered by the executor or administrator according to the deceased's will, and that the said will may have

and that you will exhibit a true, full and perfect inventory of the said goods of the deceased, and render a true account of your administration... when, you shall be thereunto lawfully required.' (Burn, op.cit., vol. 4, p.393).

⁶⁴ 21 Henry VIII, c.5, s.4.

⁶⁵ 1603 Canon 92, 'None to be cited into divers Courts for Probate of the same Will'.

its effect according to the testator's intention: all this the said executor or administrator must do before witnesses. If any who keeps these goods without lawful authority, being requested on this manner, doth refuse or doth unjustly defer to deliver them, then the party grieved may sue this temerary administrator in a cause of temerary administration of the deceased's goods'.⁶⁶

The implementation of this procedure ought, surely, to have involved either executor or administrator in Instance cases, but in the Act Book only one such case is recorded, that promoted by George Weston, executor of Margery Weston, his sister, against James Fletcher for his temerarious administration of her goods (ff. 101v, 105v, 107v). The remaining 51 cases against 'temerarious occupiers' are, in fact, Office cases, and they are conducted in just the same way as those against 'occupiers' - wills are proved, letters of administration are granted, the exhibition of inventories and accounts is called for; indeed, in fifteen cases the defendants, many of whom are executors or administrators, are first cited as 'occupiers', with the appellation 'temerarious' being applied later.

In only three instances are there accusations of unlawful possession of the goods of a deceased: Magdalen Bentley denied that she had any of the goods of Mr Edward Taylor, who 'died a sojourner at her house', and was dismissed (f.81); the widow of William Leeson alleged that Mr Thomas Wheatley 'hath all the goods which her husband had formerly' (f.70v), and he was cited for having 'distrained upon the same for rent since his William Leeson's death' (no outcome is recorded); and Richard Harrys, named as executor in the will of his mother, Elizabeth Harrys, and, presumably, anticipating a bequest, was accused by Thomas Hallows, named as overseer, of having sold 'a press cupboard of the said goods to Lawrence Blith and that is gone out of this jurisdiction' (f.103v) - again, no outcome is recorded.

It is surely of significance that the first citation as 'temerarious occupier' is recorded on f.40 (against Frances Kench, relict of William Kench) when the record of almost three years of Court activity, including numerous citations of 'occupiers', had been set down; it was also written in a different hand from that of the previous pages. As each ecclesiastical court had stylistic peculiarities of its own, could it be that the widespread (and seemingly inaccurate) use of 'temerarious' was simply one we can associate with the Court of the Banbury Peculiar?

Office Suits: Incontinence, Bridal Pregnancy, Bastardy, Harboursing

The Act Book records 89 cases of incontinence, 'incontinence' being a general term used to cover sexual offences, such as fornication, adultery and pre-marital sexual intercourse. Offences against sexual morality - what the Prayer Book

⁶⁶ Burn, *op.cit.*, vol. 4, pp. 391-3.

calls 'notorious evil-living' and Canon 109 'Adultery, whoredom, incest... and other uncleanness and wickedness of life' - were not only anathema to the Church, but also unacceptable to the community, whose generally respectable members were as concerned as the ecclesiastical courts to maintain social order and to preserve 'their reputation for sexual "credit" or "honesty"'.⁶⁷

'Common fame', more than known fact, formed the basis of accusation in cases of incontinency and in small, closed communities rumour and speculation were always rife (ff. 48v, 100, 127); observations of the too regular entertainment of visitors, sometimes at 'injudicious' hours, reports of compromising encounters and of conversations overheard in ale-houses, the appearance of a pregnant maidservant, a pregnant bride, or a birth following too soon upon a marriage, caused tongues to wag, and persistent rumours, easily picked up by apparitor, churchwarden or sidesman, could just as easily be translated into Court presentments. Seventy-seven presentments for incontinence are recorded in the Act Book, thirteen or fourteen of them for incontinence before marriage.

In cases of pre-nuptial incontinence it was usual for both parties to be charged, but although Elizabeth Griffin confessed and was ordered to 'do penance, her husband, Thomas, somehow managed to evade presentment altogether (f.10v). The charge also meant that the wife was pregnant when she married and had given birth to a child during the following six months or so. However, in four of the Banbury cases, the Baptismal Register only partly confirms this (ff. 95, 100, 115, 122); for example, the first child born to Basil and Dorothy Sargeant (f.100), who were married in 1632, would appear to have been the one baptised in 1636, and Thomas and Martha Paige (f.115), also married in 1632, did not welcome their first-born until 1638, two months after the last Court session recorded in the Act Book; although pregnancy must have been observed, in each of these four cases the assumption must be that the wife had miscarried or her child had been still-born.

Bridal pregnancy was common in England in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth century, and Professor Hair, on the basis of an analysis of the registers of 77 parishes in 24 counties, has estimated that probably one-fifth of all brides were pregnant by the time they came to the church.⁶⁸ This may be explained by the fact that it was generally believed that the making of the betrothal contract was the significant part of the procedure of marriage, so the union could be properly consummated at that time. Such a view was not

⁶⁷ Ingram, *op.cit.*, p.250.

⁶⁸ P.E.H. Hair, 'Bridal pregnancy in rural England in earlier centuries', *Population Studies* 20 (1966), pp. 233-43; 'Bridal pregnancy in earlier rural England further examined', *Population Studies* 24 (1970), pp. 59-70.

acceptable to the Church, and through the late sixteenth and early seventeenth century its courts stepped up their opposition to pre-nuptial fornication, insisting that sexual relations should only follow the church wedding.

Nevertheless, in spite of this growing concern, it is likely that still only a small proportion of offending couples were presented. In fact, in its attitude towards pre- and extra-marital sexual activity, the community was especially tolerant towards young people, although it held no brief for adulterers, whores and lechers, whose activities were seen as posing such a threat to the peace and stability of the parish.

Attitudes were also firm against pregnant single women, not only on moral but also on economic grounds, because their offspring might well become an unwelcome charge upon the parish. To prevent this happening, it was most important in these situations the father should be identified, so that he could provide for the child's maintenance; midwives had an important part to play in this, being required, on oath, to question the girl rigorously, even to the point of withholding assistance 'until the last minute in the hope that the pain of childbirth, and the possibility of death, would force the reluctant female to name the man concerned'.⁶⁹ Elizabeth Barnes was thus 'strictly examined' and put 'to extreme pains' to force a confession 'in her extremity' (ff. 72, 72v).

Bastardy, in fact, was seen as an offence against both God's law and man's law, so the church courts and the secular courts, accordingly, shared responsibility for its correction; the Church enjoined public penance, while, in addition, the secular courts empowered the justices of the peace to charge the mother 'or reputed father with the payment of money weekly or other sustentation, for the relief of the child',⁷⁰ and ordered them to commit 'every lewd woman which shall have any bastard which may be charged to the parish ... to the house of correction, to be punished and set on work during the term of one whole year; and if she eftsoons offend again, then, to be committed to the said house of correction ... and there to remain until she can put in good sureties for her good behaviour, not to offend so again'.⁷¹ What happened in most cases was that the mother subsequently married and thus accorded legitimacy to the child; sadly, many of the children did not survive, but of those that did, most were supported by the father, the woman's

⁶⁹ G.R. Quaife, *Wanton Wenches and Wayward Wives* (1979), p.105. Peyton, *op.cit.*, p. xxv, quotes from the licence granted to Bridget Kirby, a Cropredy midwife, in 1726: '... If you help to deliver any whom you suspect to be unmarried you shall acquaint the Ecclesiastical Court of this Iurisdiction therewith and before you yield your assistance or helpe you shall perswade and by all lawfull means labour with them to declare who is the father of the said Child.'

⁷⁰ 18 Elizabeth I, c.3, s.2; 3 Charles I, c.4, s.15.

⁷¹ 7 James I, c.4, s.7.

parents, her employer (f.50v), or, if she remained unmarried, by her own efforts, thereby avoiding the issue of a bastardy order.⁷²

As a further check on bastardy, and to limit any claim that might be made on parish relief, it was an offence to provide lodging in one's home for a pregnant woman - usually from outside the parish and not accompanied by her husband - for the time of her lying-in. Anyone guilty of 'harbouring', as it was called, was regarded as having condoned the immorality of the lodger.⁷³ Presentments against William Kench and William Watton of Horley for harbouring the pregnant Dynah Elliott are recorded in the Banbury Act Book (ff. 17, 17v). Unmarried Dynah, who had come to Horley from London, via Northamptonshire, stayed for a month, but her child was still-born, and she herself was allowed to leave without any charge being laid against her, although William Kench was ordered to do penance.

Office Suits: Absence from Church Administration of Holy Communion, Puritan Reservations, William Wheatley

Absence from church, failure to take Holy Communion, working on the Sabbath and on Holy Days, causing a disturbance in church or churchyard, and the misuse of the churchyard were offences, which, together, account for over seventy presentments in the Act Book - almost as many as those for incontinence.

Attendance at morning and evening prayer was compulsory in both statute⁷⁴ and ecclesiastical law. As all Englishmen were legally members of the Church of England, Canon 90 required 'that all the Parishioners duly resort to their Church upon all Sundays and Holidays, and there continue the whole time of Divine Service: and none to walk or to stand idle or talking in the Church, or in the Churchyard, or the Church-porch, during that time. And all such as shall be found slack or negligent in resorting to the Church (having no great or urgent Cause of Absence)', the churchwardens and the sidesmen were to 'earnestly call upon them: and after due monition (if they amend not) they shall present them to the Ordinary of the place'.⁷⁵

Thirty-two Banbury parishioners were presented for non-attendance: Alice Jurden was cited for 'frequent' absence (f.37), Richard Marmion and his wife

⁷² Quaife, *op.cit.*, p.203.

⁷³ Paul Hair, *Before the Bawdy Court* (1972), p.246.

⁷⁴ 1 Elizabeth I, c.2 (Act of Uniformity) imposed a fine of 12d. for every such offence; 23 Elizabeth I, c.1, increased the fine to £20 a month; 3 James I, c.4, empowered the King to take lands as an option to the fine; 21 James I, c.4, 'Actions against persons for not frequenting the church and hearing divine service shall be laid in any county at the pleasure of the informer.'

⁷⁵ 1603 Canon 90, 'The Choice of Sidemen, and their Joynt Office with Churchwardens'.

for 'continual' absence (f.29), while William Burrowes, being an Anabaptist, was 'constantly absent' - not surprisingly, as he was 'a prisoner of the High Commission Court' (f.100).⁷⁶ John Scot allowed his servants to be absent from service (although he himself does not appear to have joined them), and Richard Grundey and his wife, William Jarvayce, Passover Hartlett and William Taylor compounded their offence by drinking when they should have been worshipping (ff. 36, 57, 57v); some, like Alice Jurden, John Longe, Robert Wilkins and John Bull (a regular customer of the Peculiar Court for this and other offences) remained excommunicate for a long time for repeated absences from church.

Often the presentment specified absence from church on a particular day: Margaret Crosby, for example, was absent on 'Sunday, the 18th day of November last past' (f.28v), Richard Steward, Jonathan Nayler and John Longe spent 'the time of service on the 27th day of April, 1628, in an alehouse' (f.37), Fulk Blincowe defaulted 'upon the Sabbath day was a fortnight' (f.58) and Mr. William Knight was reported as 'most commonly absent from church upon Sunday mornings' (f.100v). These examples show that the churchwardens and sidesmen kept a weather eye open for absentees in church (like many others they may well have kept some form of attendance register),⁷⁷ and, once the service had started, they were quite prepared to go out and round up defaulters who were skulking at home or in the nearest alehouse (f.100). This close scrutiny, however, did not result in a long and steady stream of presentations, presentment being generally reserved for persistent, not occasional, offenders.

Absentees offered little by way of excuse, their negligence, it would seem, due to sloth and cussedness, and not generally as a matter of conscience: Passover Hartlett, cited for choosing to be drinking 'in company with others' instead of attending church, reacted angrily, protesting 'that he ought not to be questioned in the court concerning the matter presented and otherwise he refused to answer' (f.57v); John Longe's excuse was that he had slipped out before the end of the sermon, 'being not well' (f.37); John Bentlie claimed, mysteriously, that he 'absented himself...by reason of his being in danger of arrest and not for any other cause' (f.57v); Margaret Crosby explained 'that she being lame and having no one else to dress the victuals for her husband and herself, she thereupon had been constrained to be absent sometimes from divine service', and was dismissed with a monition (f.100v); John Sparks followed his own routine, whereby he attended Banbury parish church one Sunday in every three, and 'when he was not there he is at Hanwell church' where he could enjoy the

⁷⁶ See note to f.100.

⁷⁷ Ingram, *op.cit.*, p.108.

Puritan preaching of the rector, Robert Harris, presumably, even more appealing than that of the redoubtable William Wheatley (f.91)!⁷⁸

Holy Communion was administered at Easter, Whitsun and Christmas, notice of which had to be given in church on the previous Sunday, and every parishioner had to 'Communicate, at the least thrice in the year (whereof the Feast of Easter to be one)'.⁷⁹ The minister, churchwardens and sidesmen were to ensure that each parishioner did communicate three times,⁸⁰ and to present anyone over the age of sixteen who failed to attend the Easter celebration.⁸¹

Six of the ten parishioners presented for this cause during the years covered by the Act Book had failed to receive communion at Easter: Seth Pope had not communicated at Easter, 1625 'or since; (i.e. up to May, 1626) (f.10), and John Bull had also been negligent for a whole year up to August, 1631 (f.63). Failure to attend church attracted a statutory fine, but in dealing with absence from receiving the sacrament the only penalty open to the church courts was excommunication.⁸²

The Puritan view, held by many in Banbury, was that the sermon - the purpose of which was to win souls - was the crucial part of the church service, more important even than the Lord's Supper; vestments, and what they regarded as unedifying ceremonies - the making of the sign of the Cross in baptism, the giving of the ring in marriage and kneeling for communion, for example - were simply unwelcome accretions, unnecessary human inventions, 'carnall, beggarlie, Antichristian, Pompes, rytes, Lawes, garments and traditions', which 'are worse than lowsye'.⁸³

The Church, not surprisingly, believed otherwise, and when they celebrated communion, ministers were instructed, under pain of suspension, to administer the sacrament only 'to such as kneel'.⁸⁴ Kneeling, as the Prayer Book explained, was 'a signification of our humble and grateful acknowledgement of the benefits of Christ therein given to all worthy Receivers, and for the avoiding of such

⁷⁸ See note to f.91. The Act of Uniformity required every person to attend every Sunday and holy day 'their parish church or chapel accustomed, or upon reasonable let thereof, to some usual place where common prayer and such service of God shall be used in such time of let'; this 'reasonable let', whereby a parishioner was to be allowed to go to another church, was interpreted by the Queen's Injunctions of 1559 (No. 33) to mean 'except it be by the occasion of some extraordinary sermon in some parish of the same town'.

⁷⁹ 1603 Canon 21.

⁸⁰ 1603 Canon 28.

⁸¹ 1603 Canon 112.

⁸² Absence from Holy Communion was one of the few offences for which the gentry were not exempt from summons to archidiaconal courts.

⁸³ A. Peel (ed.), *Tracts ascribed to Richard Bancroft* (1953), pp. 26-7.

⁸⁴ 1603 Canon 27.

profanation and disorder in the holy Communion, as might otherwise ensue'; it also made clear that 'no adoration is intended...either unto the Sacramental Bread or Wine there bodily received, or unto any Corporal Presence of Christ's natural flesh and blood'.⁸⁵ However, as the Puritans saw it, kneeling smacked of Popery and implied acceptance of the Real Presence and the sacrificial nature of the Eucharist; they wanted the people to receive the elements sitting - after all, 'Jesus Christ and his apostles received the communion sitting, and why may we not imitate them?'.⁸⁶

The issue was a recurring one, not least in Banbury, in the early years of the seventeenth century. On 22 February, 1606/7, William Osborne, one of the Vicar, Ralph Houghton's, curates, was presented for failing to catechize; in his defence, he maintained that the fault was not his, and that the churchwardens had presented him 'because they dislike mee for not administring the sacrament to such as will not kneele'.⁸⁷ On 6 April, 1607, in a presentment to the Commissary, Osborne accused his fellow curate, William Wheatley, of 'administring the communion to such as wold not kneele'.⁸⁸ Two more curates of Banbury were reported for administering the sacrament with the parishioners sitting, James Hathaway in 1610,⁸⁹ and Ralph Taylor a year or so later.⁹⁰ In 1614, or thereabouts, William Wheatley, by now Vicar, refused to set his hand to the churchwardens' presentment of five parishioners for sitting at the communion, and even the churchwardens and their assistants were at odds on the issue, Thomas Wyng, churchwarden, and Edmund Smalbonn, sidesman, making known their support of Wheatley.⁹¹ In 1621 ten parishioners were cited for not kneeling,⁹² but it would appear that sitting at communion was fairly common practice in Banbury and sympathetic churchwardens chose to overlook it; this was certainly the view of John Wheatley, the Vicar's brother, who, being questioned by John Howson, Bishop of Oxford, on the matter in 1626, maintained that 'concerning the administring [of the Lord's Supper], sitting, it is so usuall I think hee [i.e. the Vicar] will not deny it, but the churchwardens are

⁸⁵ Rubric at the end of the communion office in the Book of Common Prayer.

⁸⁶ William Axton, c.1570, when examined by Dr Bentham, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry: Benjamin Brook, *Lives of the Puritans* (1813), vol. 1, p.159.

⁸⁷ Peyton, op.cit., p.202.

⁸⁸ Ibid.

⁸⁹ MS. Oxf. Archd. b. 61, f.180.

⁹⁰ MS. Oxf. Dioc. c.94, f.100.

⁹¹ Peyton, op.cit., p.209. Edmund Smalbonn (Smalebone) appears in this Act Book, being presented for incontinency, for not taking communion and for being present at a clandestine marriage (ff. 1, 16, 81v).

⁹² Peyton, op.cit., p.210.

too much connivent',⁹³ and, if that was so, it would explain why, over the years 1625/6 to 1638, the only presentment on the subject of kneeling was made against another Banbury curate, Mr. William Hollyhead, who was, in fact, cited 'for receiving the holy communion *standing*' (f.64).

The attitude of William Wheatley is of interest. In his writings he was generally on the side of ceremonial conformity and against those who were enthusiastically in favour of fundamental changes in the government and ceremonies of the Church of England. He could accept kneeling at communion, as long as no superstitious meaning was given to it. In practical terms in Banbury, however, his attitude was inconsistent with those stated views; but this was because he did not think there was any merit in arguing over ceremonies, which he saw as 'unnecessary quirkes and quiddities... and disputable points in things externall'.⁹⁴ He was prepared to tolerate and, indeed, to encourage, sitting at communion, but saw no point in going out of his way to divide his parishioners on the issue; moreover, his own summons before the Court of High Commission in 1621, the direct result of his views on divorce, published in *A Bride-bush*, put his own future in some jeopardy and persuaded him that the sensible thing for him to do was to conform: 'Whately, like many puritan ministers, had to walk a tightrope between the demands of his parishioners and his own conscience, and those of the authorities. His tenure as vicar, cut off only by death, lasted twenty-eight [sic] years, evidence that his sense of balance was exquisite'.⁹⁵

Office Suits: Working on the Sabbath and Holy Days, Seats in Church, Interest of Parliament.

Five cases in the Act Book refer to working on the Sabbath, eight more to working on Holy Days - St. Matthew's Day (21 September), Michaelmas Day (29 September, Feast of St. Michael and All Angels) and the Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week.

The Church was particularly opposed to work on Sundays and Holy Days during service times; outside those times some latitude was allowed, and ministers were instructed to teach their parishioners 'that they may with a safe and quiet conscience, after their common prayer in the time of harvest labour upon the holy and festival days and save that thing which God hath sent'.⁹⁶

The record of the Banbury cases does not always make clear whether absence from church was also involved, but where it was, the two offences were

⁹³ State Papers Domestic, Charles I, 50/63, quoted in Blankenfeld, op.cit. (fn. 2), p.331.

⁹⁴ 'The New Birth', 1618.

⁹⁵ Blankenfeld, op.cit., p.483; Blankenfeld gives a full discussion of William Whately (Wheatley), pp. 453-87.

⁹⁶ 1559 Elizabeth I, Injunctions (No. 20).

included in a single presentment. Working on the Sabbath would not appear to have been a particular problem, and the citation of Joyce Allen (f.3), who, being pregnant and craving a pudding, set her maid to 'pick some grottes', but 'not in the time of prayer or sermon', suggests that either the churchwardens were struggling to augment too thin a list of offenders, or that this was no more than their petulant response to Joyce Allen's lively refusal to accept the seat in church, which they had allocated to her (f.3v). Incidentally, the churchwardens did face some tricky problems in this matter of allocating seats in church, men on one side, women on the other, 'the more eligible seats... for the more substantial parishioners';⁹⁷ so far as was possible, their allocation reflected the social pecking order within the parish, and as Joyce Allen and Alice Long (ff. 115v, 119v) were, apparently, the only ones to kick up a fuss, the churchwardens would appear to have been pretty well successful.

On these matters of absence from church and the profaning of the Sabbath, it is interesting to note that the House of Commons was also concerned and willing to take statutory action: bills, which, however, did not become law, were introduced in 1584-5, 1601, 1606, 1607, 1614, 1621, 1624 and 1628, and two did find their way on to the statute book in 1625 ('For punishing of divers abuses committed on the Lord's Day called Sunday') and 1626 ('Concerning the Keeping of the Lord's Day commonly called Sunday').⁹⁸

Office Suits : Misuse of the Churchyard

Both the church and the churchyard were the freehold possessions of the minister, and, just as those who behaved themselves 'rudely and disorderly in the Church' were to be presented,⁹⁹ so were those who, in any way, misused the churchyard, 'God's acre'.

To keep out errant livestock, the churchyard was 'decently enclosed', and it was generally the responsibility of the parishioners (or those of them whose land was adjacent, or who were tenants of certain farms), under the supervision of the churchwardens, to see that the boundary wall or fence was kept in a good state of repair.¹⁰⁰ We must remember that churchyards were likely to be very busy places, and in medieval times fairs were held there, there were games and dancing there on Feast Days, archery butts were set up there, and fives was played there against the church wall and between the buttresses. The Act Book's

⁹⁷ Peyton, op.cit., p. xxxi.

⁹⁸ Joan R. Kent, 'Attitudes of Members of the House of Commons to the Regulation of Personal Conduct in late Elizabethan and Early Stuart England', *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research*, 1973, vol. 46, pp. 69-71.

⁹⁹ 1603 Canon 111.

¹⁰⁰ Emmison, op.cit., p.267.

nine presentments for misuse of Banbury churchyard certainly suggest that it was a place of considerable economic activity as well.

All the charges, however, were brought before the Court in 1634 and 1635 (none are recorded from 1625/6 to 1634), which would suggest that such activities had for long been tolerated before the churchwardens decided it was time to crack down on the practice. Robert Prue, the sexton, for example, clearly a creature of habit, seemed somewhat surprised by his citation (f.112v), as he explained that 'being a carpenter by trade,' he 'hath used to work at his trade in the churchyard of Banbury, in hewing, squaring and framing of timber there for building for the last two years or thereabouts... and... that he hath at this present timber frame for a house of his working now lying in that said churchyard'. Such operations obviously involved the use of a cart to bring in the timber and to take out the frames. Titus Buckingham, presented for 'laying out timber in the churchyard' (f.114), Thomas Hall (f.115) and Michael Harvey (f.119), both charged with winnowing in the churchyard, must also have had need of carts; if the churchwardens attempted to impede this 'carriage' by securing the churchyard gate they were likely to provoke the reaction of William Perryn, who simply broke it open (f.115v). As for John Baker, with 'his garden in the churchyard', he clearly had in mind a permanent occupation (f.120v).

The incidence of 'many outrageous and barbarous behaviours... quarrelling, brawling, fraying, and fighting openly in Churches and Churchyards' had resulted in statutory action in 1552 against brawlers and 'any person' who 'shall smite or lay any violent hands upon another in any church or churchyard';¹⁰¹ however, only two such cases are recorded in Banbury for the years 1625/6 to 1638 (ff. 91v, 110, 122).

Office Suits: Swearing

Swearing and drunkenness were included in the Canon Law's list of 'Notorious Crimes and Scandals to be certified into Ecclesiastical Courts'.¹⁰² What made swearing objectionable was that it was sometimes blasphemous, and often, when it was associated with drunkenness, led on to defamation and brawling.¹⁰³

Twenty-nine parishioners were presented by the Banbury churchwardens for swearing, on specific occasions (f.36) or, 'often' (ff. 35v, 36v, 56), and several of them more than once. Abraham Pynar, for example, cited in 1625/6 for 'notorious [i.e. disgraceful] swearing and drinking' (f.3), was presented again in 1630 as 'a common swearer and blasphemer of the name of God' (f.70). Similarly, Margaret

¹⁰¹ 5 & 6 Edward VI, c.4, ss. 1 & 2.

¹⁰² 1603 Canon 109.

¹⁰³ Paul Hair, *op.cit.*, p.252.

Heanes, Mr Edward Taylor and John Butler were presented 'for swearing by the name of God' (ff. 35v, 55v, 58) (although Margaret Heanes maintained, in her defence, that she had never 'sworn otherwise than sometimes by her faith'), John West 'for profane swearing' (f.64), and Titus Buckingham 'for profane swearing and ribald speeches' (f.64).

The inconsistency of the churchwardens in making presentments, already noted in their attitude towards those who misused the churchyard, is again illustrated by their erratic response to swearing: 28 of the 29 offenders named in the Act Book were cited between 1625/6 and 1630, but only one - Richard Styward (f.128) - in the period 1630 to 1638.

Office Suits: Drunkenness

The pattern is the same with the charges for drunkenness; 22 parishioners were presented (ten of them had also been before the Peculiar Court for swearing), 21 in the five years up to 1630, and only one - Richard Styward, again - in the eight years afterwards.

Drunkenness, graphically defined as the condition 'where the same legs which carry a man into the house, cannot bring him out again',¹⁰⁴ attracted the strictures of moralists and Puritan preachers; of 'all the gross and crying sins which have of late... overspread our nation', wrote William Prynne in 1628, 'there are few more common, few more dangerous, hurtful and pernicious than the unnatural, unthrifty, odious and swinish sin of drunkenness'.¹⁰⁵ It also earned ecclesiastical censure, for it was a condition that loosened the tongue and fuddled the wits, leading on to cursing, ribaldry and the abandonment of all sexual restraint. There is no doubt it posed a considerable social problem, and the alehouse, apart from providing, within the community, a rival attraction to the church, constituted a grave threat to the stability of the family 'by attracting grown children and servants to spend their time and money there away from the tutelage of parents or masters at home; by separating husbands from wives; by encouraging family members to drink with all sorts of company; and by serving as a place where prostitutes could be met and sexual liaisons formed'.¹⁰⁶

Sunday, being the day after pay-day and the only officially free day in the week, was a popular day for patronizing the alehouse, and, as we have seen, during service time, churchwardens and their assistants were wont to set out on patrol to discover those parishioners who preferred tippling to prayers and a sermon. But the Act Book records only five such delinquents (f.67v), which surely cannot be a fair representation of the problem, and suggests that the

¹⁰⁴ Dalton, *The Countrey Justice*, 1655, p.19 (quoted in Quaife, op.cit., p.30).

¹⁰⁵ William Prynne, 'Healthes Sicknesse', 1628 (quoted in Peter Clark, *The English Alehouse: a social history, 1200-1830* (1983), p.109).

¹⁰⁶ Clark, op.cit., p.147.

church courts were not really determined to correct and control it.¹⁰⁷ Certainly, Parliament thought so; there the issue was frequently discussed, and statutes were passed against drunkenness in 1604, 1606/7, 1624 and 1625,¹⁰⁸ and against swearing in 1606 and 1624.¹⁰⁹

Office Suits: Clandestine Marriages

According to Canon Law, a marriage could only be celebrated after the publication of banns by the minister on three Sundays or Holy days, during divine service, or after a licence had been obtained, which made the reading of the banns unnecessary; the ceremony itself had to take place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon in the parish church of one of the contracting parties.¹¹⁰

If any one of these canonical regulations was evaded, the marriage was regarded as a 'clandestine marriage', and, as such, unacceptable in the eyes of the Church, even though it was legally valid and binding. Nevertheless, in spite of the Church's ruling, it was always possible to find clergy who were perfectly willing to risk ecclesiastical censure by officiating at such irregular unions; Banbury church, in fact, had acquired a reputation as 'a lawless churche', 'bothe in respecte of the gyvinge & ministration of the sacraments as also for the number of mariges without banes'.¹¹¹

This reputation notwithstanding, clandestine marriages were not a significant problem for the Peculiar Court, with only eight presentments over the years covered by the Act Book (ff. 1v, 22v, 25v, 48, 53v, 71 (2), 113), and three of those (ff. 1v, 22v, 25v) were combined with a charge of incontinence before marriage. Only Richard Welford (f.1v), married at Claydon by the curate, Mr. Saunderson, confessed to not having obtained a licence; William Dissill produced a note from Mr. Clarkson, Vicar of Horley, to confirm that he had conducted the marriage ceremony (although there is no record of it in the Horley Marriage Register), and Nicholas Stoakes was able to exhibit a marriage licence.

¹⁰⁷ 'Those charged tended in fact to be special cases; persons from whom a better example was expected, or persons notorious for their general behaviour, or those merely charged out of malice.' (Paul Hair, *op.cit.*, pp. 251-2).

¹⁰⁸ 1 James I, c.9; 4 James I, c.5 'For repressing the odious and loathsome sin of drunkenness'; 21 James I, c.7 'For repressing of drunkenness and restraining the inordinate haunting of inns and alehouses'; 1 Charles I, c.4 'For further restraint of tippling in inns, alehouses and other victualling houses'. Kent, *op.cit.*, pp. 64-8; Clark, *op.cit.*, p.109.

¹⁰⁹ 3 James I, c.21 'To restraine abuses of players' (i.e. against swearing by players); 21 James I, c.20 'To prevent and reform profane swearing and cursing'. Kent, *op.cit.*, p.71.

¹¹⁰ 1603 Canon 62.

¹¹¹ Peyton, *op.cit.*, p.202: complaint of Thomas Holloway, Vicar of Cropredy, made 23 February 1607. Elizabeth Higgins applied the same description to the church at Sherborne, Warwickshire (f.129v).

Dorothy Ireland was living in Banbury when she married Roger, from Reading, at the church of St. Giles, Oxford (f.48); Michael Harvey also married outside the Court's jurisdiction at Biddlesdon, in Northamptonshire (f.113), but he was excommunicated because he ignored all the Court's citations, the churchwardens admitting that they were quite unable to establish whether he was lawfully married or not (f.131v). Samuel Such and his wife, having also chosen not to appear before the Court, were similarly treated (f.77).

The marriage of William Robins, son of Alderman George Robins of Banbury, to Elizabeth, daughter of Edmund Smalebone, was solemnized at the church of St. Giles in Oxford, under licence from the Vicar-General of the Oxford Diocese, and - at least, so William believed - with the full permission of the Banbury Commissary (f.71). It appears, however, that the bride's father - himself no stranger to the Peculiar Court - had made all the arrangements 'and said that he would have them married there in spite of Mr. Sweit, the Commissary of this jurisdiction' (f.81v); and he got away with it, as did George Robins, Samuel Robins and Richard Hollyhead and his father, all of whom had been cited for attending a clandestine marriage (ff. 71, 71v).

But a clandestine marriage was entered into for reasons other than the deliberate intention of cocking a snook at the local jurisdiction. It was a way of getting round parental opposition, or lack of parental consent, if either party was under the age of twenty-one;¹¹² it was an attractive proposition if the girl was pregnant and haste was called for, and poor folk might resort to it, particularly in times of bad harvests and general economic depression, when the parish might well suspect that their marriage would simply create an added burden to the rates; however, Dr. Ingram maintains that the main reason was the community's concern 'to regulate marriages and thus check the influx of newcomers'.¹¹³ Unfortunately, apart from the possibility of bridal pregnancy, the Act Book contains no evidence to suggest that any of these reasons for entering into a clandestine marriage can be applied to the Banbury cases.

Office Suits: Oath of Churchwardens and Sidesmen, Abuse of Churchwardens, Minister and Court

Other offences, for which presentments are recorded in the Banbury Peculiar Court Act Book, involved only a very few parishioners.

Two churchwardens and seven sidesmen were cited for failing to take the oath of office (ff. 4v, 5, 48), but as they all subsequently complied and continued to serve in these capacities, it would seem that an immediate summons before the

¹¹² 1603 Canon 100 'None to Marry under Twenty-one Years, without their Parents' consent'.

¹¹³ Ingram, *op.cit.*, pp. 214-5.

Court, and just as immediate excommunication (f.48), were quite sufficient to administer a timely rap over the knuckles to those who, after all, should have been setting an example within the parish, and to ensure a more prompt compliance in the future.

When we remember the disciplinary authority they exercised among their fellow-parishioners, the churchwardens must, surely, have offended or antagonized many people, but, surprisingly, only two presentments for abuse actually appear in the Banbury Act Book: John Longe (f.37) and William Cooper (f.46), each described as 'loitering at his door on the Sabbath day in the time of divine service, being the 27th of April, 1628, and mocking the churchwardens' (who were obviously about the business of seeking out church absentees) would not appear to have been too offensive in their remarks, because they were both dismissed with a monition. Indeed, if that represents the extent of anti-churchwarden feeling within the parish, Banburians can have had little to complain of in their officials, or they were prepared to bottle up any feelings of resentment.

Frances Kench (f.40) and William Watton (f.40) were presented for abusing Mr. Clarkson, their minister at Horley, to the extent that Mr. Clarkson took an action against Watton, who had formerly been his servant and had put it about that his master, who, in fact, had helped to maintain Alice Densy, 'was very likely to be the father' of her bastard child (f.50v); unfortunately, the outcome of this particular instance case was not recorded.

In presenting Mr. Matthew Allsoppe for calling the Peculiar Court 'a bawdy court', the churchwardens were perhaps being over-sensitive, because the description was in common use, and, as the Court dealt with so many cases of sexual misconduct, it was not really an inaccurate one; threatened with excommunication, Allsoppe, summoned to the Judge's house, admitted the charge, but denied that he had meant to imply 'any contempt or disgrace' of the Court, promised 'to give no such cause of dislike hereafter', and was dismissed (f.15).

Office Suits: Church Rate

The expense of carrying out repairs to the fabric of the nave and belfry of the church, and 'providing all things necessary for the decent performance of Divine Service'¹¹⁴ (but which did not include providing the sacramental bread and wine), was defrayed by the church rate, the oldest form of local taxation in England. Its existence rested on no statutory authority,¹¹⁵ being imposed by

¹¹⁴ 1832 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, p.45.

¹¹⁵ Except during the Commonwealth by an ordinance of the Long Parliament, 9 February 1647.

custom alone, and then not on a regular basis, but just as often as the need arose. It was a tax on real property, and, although based on the amount of land held, it was not chargeable on the land itself, but on the occupier of the land, resident or non-resident, the tenant and not the owner. When money was needed for a particular reparation, the churchwardens would call all the parishioners together to fix a rate accordingly; 'the major part of them that appear shall bind the parish; or if none appear, the churchwardens alone may make the rate, because they, and not the parishioners, are to be cited and punished, in defect of repairs'.¹¹⁶

The parishioners, however, could always be cited if they refused to pay the church rate: William Sprigg was prodded by presentment to pay a rate ('cessment') of 3d. in the pound 'towards the reparation of Drayton church' (f.25v), as were those local worthies, Richard Vivers and Aholiab West, for late payment of 12s. and 7s. respectively, due in Banbury (f.138);¹¹⁷ Lancelot and John Sparkes proved rather more obdurate, and the charges against them for non-payment had not been resolved when the Act Book closes (ff. 112, 114, 118v, 136v); Mr. Robert Vivers' failure to pay was also left for a later court to deal with (f.137).

Office Suits: No Godparents, Bawdry, Churchwardens' Errors, Repair of Chancel, Licences for Physicians, Midwives and Schoolmasters

Several other offences were dealt with by the Banbury Peculiar Court, but each of them involved the presentment of only one or two parishioners.

John Newman was cited, because 'he attempted to have his child baptized without godfather or godmother', his wife, because she 'went abroad without giving thanks for her delivery and she is not yet church'd' (f.5v). William Allen could not find any of his neighbours prepared to act as godparents to his daughter, they being 'unwilling to take upon them so great a charge', so he went ahead with the christening without them; the Vicar of Banbury, William Wheatley, baptised baby Mary 'before the open congregation', and the absence of godparents created a situation 'which he did not contradict or dislike with' (f.14v); having been monished to certify penance, Allen did not attend the Court and was excommunicated (f. 20v).

Sarah and William Jarvis were presented for bawdry (ff. 122, 134), Richard Vivers, again, for not mending the chancel windows of the parish church (f.91v),¹¹⁸ and John Russell of Great Bourton for failing to render the account,

¹¹⁶ Burn, *op.cit.*, vol. 1, p.378; 1832 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, pp. 45-6.

¹¹⁷ See notes on Richard Vivers, ff. 48, 138, and note on Aholiab West, f.59v.

¹¹⁸ See *supra* p.11; repair to the chancel was the responsibility of Richard Vivers as impropiator of Banbury rectory (*supra* p.21).

required by Canon 89, of church income and expenditure during his year of office as churchwarden (f.111); Daniel Currey, curat  of Banbury, refused his election as sidesman and was presented (f.90v), as were Thomas Charles and his wife for non-payment of the fees for their marriage at King's Sutton (f.90), and George Philips, a Banbury churchwarden, for 'tearing certain pages out of the church book of cessments [rates] and altering several rates agreed upon and entered in that book by increasing and decreasing some of these dues' (f.88) - a serious charge, which, presumably, was not substantiated, as it is not referred to again.

The control by the church courts of the licensing of physicians, midwives and schoolmasters is also illustrated from the Act Book. Two Banbury physicians were cited for practising without a licence:¹¹⁹ Mr. Crosley established his position to the satisfaction of the Court, but the case against Mr. William Knight remained unresolved (ff. 137v, 138v).

Similarly unresolved were the presentments against Elizabeth Glover and Margaret Jones for practising as midwives without a licence (ff. 137, 138v). To obtain a licence, the midwife had to be recommended by matrons who had personally experienced her skill, and supported by the minister of the parish, who was to certify that her membership of the Church of England, her conversation and her way of life made her a suitable candidate.¹²⁰ Elizabeth Glover had certainly been a practising midwife for several years (f.72) and her presentment was a tardy recognition of that fact.

The Injunctions of 1559 (No. 40) had made the possession of a teaching licence obligatory and the requirement was re-stated in 1603.¹²¹ Schoolmastering was a favourite occupation of deprived Puritan ministers and of recusant priests, as a means of spreading their religious beliefs, so 'licences were ... tests of loyalty to the state and of orthodoxy in belief, for the applicant had to uphold the royal supremacy and subscribe to the Thirty-nine Articles'.¹²² In Banbury, William Hollyhead and George Harford were granted licences to teach (ff. 48v, 130v) by the Peculiar Court, and William Harte duly paid his 6s 8d for a licence, but only after the churchwardens' presentment had reminded him to do so (f. 17v).

Penance

When he appeared before the Court, the accused was charged with the offence alleged against him and, having taken the oath, responded by either admitting or denying his guilt. As we have seen, his innocence could be established to the

¹¹⁹ 3 Henry VIII, c.11, required medical men to be licensed by the Ordinary.

¹²⁰ Burn, *op.cit.*, vol. 2, p.513.

¹²¹ 1603 Canon 77.

¹²² Peters, *op.cit.*, pp. 68-9.

Judge's satisfaction by the testimony of compurgators. If the accused admitted the offence, or was found to be guilty, he (and, of course, she) might be dismissed with a monition - a warning from the Judge not to repeat the offence - or be ordered to do penance.

Penance was a very serious punishment indeed, as it required the penitent 'to give a public satisfaction to the church for the scandal he hath given by his evil example';¹²³ and, because 'in an age when a man's credit and reputation were regarded as being of the utmost importance, and when the hierarchical nature of society gave added value to these attributes, the humiliation of a public penance was a much greater punishment the higher one went up the social scale'.¹²⁴ The form of penance imposed upon the delinquent depended very much upon the seriousness of the offence; fornication and adultery, for example, were generally punished by the full public penance, performed in the parish church after the second lesson at Morning Prayer, before the whole congregation, while penance for less serious offences - swearing, drunkenness, absence from church (ff. 3, 10, 21) could be ordered to be made, semi-privately, before the minister, churchwardens and a few selected parishioners (f.3).

Without doubt, public penance provided a traumatic experience for the offender. Margaret Gold, guilty of fornication, was ordered (c.1610) to 'come bare legged bare footed with a white sheete round aboute her from the shoulders to the ancles havinge a white rodd in her hand unto the churchporch of Banbury... presentlie after the first peale and there shall stand untill the beginninge of Morninge prayer and then shall be brought by the paryshe Clerke or the apparitor unto the middle of the saide Church where penitent people for the like faulte doe... stande' - usually on a raised seat or platform; after a 'godlie exhortacon' from the minster, she was to repeat after the minister her public confession, and then, by leading the congregation in the Lord's Prayer, she would symbolize her reconciliation to the community she had so offended by her action.¹²⁵ It was usual for sexual offenders to go through this procedure twice - on successive Sundays, if the couple were of the same parish, or in each parish church if they were not.

Semi-public penance still required the offender to recite his confession and to express contrition, as well as his resolution not to offend in this way again, but he was spared the white sheet and wand and appeared *vestibus solitis* ('in ordinary clothes') (ff. 123, 124v); it was certainly far less of a humiliation, and offenders with considerable local influence were often able to persuade the

¹²³ Burn, *op.cit.*, vol. 3, p.101.

¹²⁴ Marchant, *op.cit.*, p.178.

¹²⁵ MS. Oxf. Archd., c.157, f.195; Blankenfeld, *op.cit.*, pp. 379-80.

minister and churchwardens to substitute (quite illegally) this more private confession for the public penance already awarded by the Court.¹²⁶

In both forms, a 'schedule of penance in writing' was first issued by the Judge (f.28), and the act of penance was only considered to have been fully completed when its performance was duly certified on the schedule itself by the minister and one or more of the churchwardens and returned to the Court (f.7v).

Commutation

In spite of Puritan objections, the ecclesiastical authorities insisted on their right to commute penances into money payments. It was up to the Judge, after he had considered the seriousness of the offence and the financial status of the offender, to set an appropriate level of payment.

Understandably, it was the prospect of avoiding public humiliation which was reason enough to make commutation an attractive proposition, especially to those like Edmund Smalebone (f.6) with a reputation to lose, a status in the community to protect, either to escape full penance altogether, or, at worst, to use it to substitute - and this time legally - the less daunting confession before the minister and churchwardens.

The reasons put forward by defendants when requesting commutation are of interest: Thomas Lovell, guilty of incontinence with Anne Gregory when both were in service, argued 'that if he should perform this penance... the same would be a great disparagement unto him in respect for preferment in marriage and, in all likelihood, an occasion of his loss of his present service and also of his friends' goodwill and inclination towards his further preferment, and he humbly desired that, for these respects, the Judge would be pleased to deal gently and tenderly with him'; his offer of £3 'for a commutation of his said penance' was accepted and he was dismissed (f.48v); Barbara Robins claimed that public penance for her incontinence with John Russell 'would be an utter undoing unto her and humbly desired a mitigation thereof', and was allowed to pay 10s. and to do penance before the minister and churchwardens (f.70v). Robert Toms, whose sexual escapade with Elizabeth Hadden is minutely chronicled on three pages of the Act Book (ff. 129, 129v, 130), pleaded age (he was 70) and infirmity and his case was presented by proxy; Robert French submitted that Toms 'doing of public penance may be a great impairing to his health' and 'did therefore earnestly desire that some moderate sum of money may be accepted... for a commutation... It being so that the said Toms... is but a poor man and that he hath been formerly much troubled concerning this business to his great charges and hindrance'; a 40s. commutation fee was set (f.136).

¹²⁶ Quaife, *op.cit.*, p.195.

These fees were ear-marked for poor relief and other pious, 'charitable and publicke' uses, such as paying for church repairs, mending the highways, or providing assistance to indigent university students; in Nottingham 'pious uses' extended to the provision of street paving, the purchase of twenty buckets for fire-fighting in St. Mary's church, as well as repairs to the organ of Southwell Minster.¹²⁷ The practice of commutation, however, frequent in Elizabethan times, declined after the turn of the century, mainly as the result of mounting Puritan criticism.¹²⁸

Suspension

The ecclesiastical courts used their powers of suspension and excommunication to enforce obedience from both clergy and laity. Suspension *ab ingressu ecclesiae* was applied against clergy and churchwardens who failed to put in an appearance at visitations and court sessions and to laity who ignored the apparitor's summons to a court presentment at a stated time on a stated day. This meant that clergy would be suspended from office and both clergy and laity denied access to the church and its ministrations, including Holy Communion. The suspension would be lifted just as soon as the omission had been rectified to the satisfaction of the court.¹²⁹

Only one suspension is recorded in the Banbury Act Book, that of Daniel Currey, curate of the town, who had refused to serve as a sidesman (f.90v); in the case of laity who had disregarded their citation the Court responded directly to their contumacy by declaring them excommunicate.¹³⁰

Excommunication

Excommunication is 'an ecclesiastical censure, whereby the person against whom it is pronounced is, for the time, cast out of the communion of the church',¹³¹ and was analogous to the outlawry declared by the common law.¹³²

It is of two kinds: the lesser excommunication, which deprived the offender of the use of the sacraments and participation in divine worship, and the greater excommunication (that most commonly used in the period covered by the Act Book), which, additionally, was to make the delinquent - in theory, at least - a social outcast, rejected by his fellow Christians and restricted by severe civil disabilities; the excommunicate could not be accorded Christian burial, nor

¹²⁷ Marchant, *op.cit.*, p.176, Table 18.

¹²⁸ *Ibid.*, p.138.

¹²⁹ Peters, *op.cit.*, pp. 71-2; Woodcock, *op.cit.*, p.93.

¹³⁰ 'In Stuart Somerset suspension and lesser excommunication seem to have merged.' (Quaife, *op.cit.*, p.195).

¹³¹ Burn, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p.243.

¹³² Maitland called excommunication 'an ecclesiastical outlawry' (F. Pollock and F.W. Maitland, *History of English Law* (1911), vol. I, p.478).

could he make a will; he could not bring an action, or give evidence, in a court of law, and, if he were named as executor or beneficiary under a will, he would not be permitted to prove that will in court, nor to benefit from it.¹³³

Excommunication followed contumacy (the most common form of which was non-appearance before the court), and the excommunication found in the records, like the Banbury Act Book, was used as a means of enforcing Church discipline against those who failed to obey the orders of the ecclesiastical court; it did not imply an offence against faith, nor a state of mind in rebellion against the authority of the Church itself; its purpose was medicinal, its ultimate objective was to bring about absolution.

When the court was presided over by a lay Judge, the 1597 Canons required the attendance of a minister to pronounce the excommunications ordered by the court (f.5). Then a 'letter of excommunication', issued by the court and bearing the court's seal, was sent ('emanated') to the minister of the offender's parish, who then, reading from that document, 'denounced' the sentence before his congregation at divine service. That done, the minister signed the back of the letter, to certify that its contents had been duly published, and returned it to the court (ff. 96, 96v, 97, 97v, 98, 98v).

Forty days after the sentence was published, the Bishop of the diocese could certify the excommunication to Chancery (a 'significavit') and obtain a writ *de excommunicato capiendo*, which would direct the sheriff to arrest the unrepentant offender and lock him in the county gaol until such time as he had obtained absolution.¹³⁴ Such action was seldom taken (twice only, in fact, is it referred to in the Banbury Act Book (ff. 32v, 102v, 106v)), as many of the original charges were for offences which were also a concern of the secular courts - absence from church,¹³⁵ bastardy,¹³⁶ drunkenness,¹³⁷ cursing and swearing,¹³⁸ and profanation of the Sabbath Day,¹³⁹ for example - and for that

¹³³ R.C. Mortimer, *Western Canon Law* (1953), p.71. Most of the disabilities were removed by 53 George III, c.127.

¹³⁴ See f.102v and note to case of John King; Ingram, *op.cit.*, pp. 342, 354, 355, on contumacy.

¹³⁵ 1 James I, c.9.

¹³⁶ 4 James I, c.5.

¹³⁷ 21 James I, c.7.

¹³⁸ 21 James I, c.20.

¹³⁹ 1 Charles I, c.1; 3 Charles I, c.1.

reason, as well as the considerable expense of this procedure, both in time and money, recourse to the secular courts was generally eschewed.¹⁴⁰

The Act Book shows that excommunication was a weapon freely used by the Banbury Peculiar Court to enforce its citations and orders. What it does not show is how those who were excommunicated reacted to the sentence. There was always the possibility that those who most keenly felt their exclusion from the spiritual comforts of their own parish church took communion elsewhere, far enough away from the town, perhaps, where they were not known, or where the minister (like John Gray, presented at Archbishop Warham's visitation in 1511) 'setteth not a straw upon the suspension of the commissary or official'.¹⁴¹ There were others who would have made no complaint at being barred from church and sacrament. As for the legal disabilities, they would certainly have been irksome for some, but a poor man would have found them of little relevance to his situation and, although he ought to have been spurned by his fellow parishioners, the excommunicate does not appear to have suffered widespread or sustained ostracism. Dr Marchant concludes that 'the average contumacious person lived and died excommunicate'.¹⁴²

¹⁴⁰ 'Each writ *de excommunicato capiendo* needed to be sued for individually, and the cost in fees to the secular courts would have been at least 30s. as well as fees to apparitors and the legal officers of the church courts themselves. Many of the excommunicates concerned could not have afforded the fees in addition to the charges for absolution and other costs.' (Marchant, *op.cit.*, p.222.) F.D. Price, 'Abuse of excommunication and the decline of ecclesiastical discipline under Queen Elizabeth', *English Historical Review*, 57 (1942), pp. 114-5, maintains that 'Whatever the reasons... the failure to make proper use of the *significavit* system was clearly a principal reason for the collapse of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction, since only by an effective use of the assistance of the temporal power could its authority have been maintained. When the censures of the church courts had lost their spiritual terrors, the only way in which they might be made to retain their value as coercive weapons was to give them the material significance which in theory they might at will possess. In an age when the centuries-old foundations of religious order had given way on every side and when the state had become absolute to a degree never previously experienced, the whip and the prison might have succeeded where the curse had failed.' In correspondence with Mr. Price he suggests that if he were writing now on the subject of the use of '*significavits*' he would probably stress more the financial aspect: the fact that the cost of securing the writ fell on the prosecuting party, which, in office cases, meant the judge of the court and would have to be met out of his income from fees. He would obviously be reluctant to pay £5 for a writ to secure the arrest of some village fornicator, or drunkard, from whom it might well be impossible to extract 6d. in fees when brought to trial. On the other hand, the prosecuting party in an instance case for, say, recovery of tithes, might well find it financially worthwhile to invest in a '*significavit*' to bring his opponent to heel.

¹⁴¹ Quoted in Woodcock, *op.cit.*, p.101.

¹⁴² Marchant, *op.cit.*, p.222.

There are no presentments in the Act Book of clergy who had been found ministering to excommunicates, nor of parishioners continuing to associate with them, which could mean, either that such things did not happen, or, more likely, that the prevailing attitude was one of tolerance - perhaps indifference. There is, however, other evidence that suggests that the Banbury churchwardens were not really very much concerned about excommunicates; in their presentments made on 15 March, 1620, they gave the names of some excommunicates, but admitted that there were 'others whose names we remember not';¹⁴³ while three years later they shrugged off any responsibility at all, reporting simply that 'divores persones stand excommunycatt whose names you knowe better than wee doe'.¹⁴⁴

Absolution

The way back for the excommunicate was to receive absolution. Many just did not bother;¹⁴⁵ many were absolved before the excommunication emanated, and cheaply at that, 3d. or 6d. just to cover expenses, for by Canon Law no fee could be charged for absolution.

Absolutions were granted, not only in open court, but often in the house of the Judge (even though this was really illegal), or by a commission despatched to the local incumbent; in these latter cases they were usually left unrecorded in the Acts. Having paid the fees imposed for his contumacy, fees which covered the cost of the letters of suspension and excommunication as well as certification fees to the apparitor, the excommunicate 'humbly petitioned benefit of absolution'; its pronouncement was 'accompanied by an order to the petitioner to acknowledge his fault and to do public penance for the offence which had first brought him into court'.¹⁴⁶

Fees

Although, in theory, church courts could not impose fines, their graded fees imposed for the disciplinary causes, which have been described, and their commutation money, certainly look very much like fines. Testamentary matters, the main business of the Banbury Peculiar Court, and the issue of marriage licences were also important and profitable sources of fees.

Canon 135 of 1603 confirmed the use in all church courts of the scale of fees, drawn up by Archbishop Whitgift in 1597 with the aim of establishing a desirable uniformity within the diocese of Canterbury, and with the effect of

¹⁴³ Peyton, *op.cit.*, p.215.

¹⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, p.218.

¹⁴⁵ Woodcock, *op.cit.*, p.97.

¹⁴⁶ Peters, *op.cit.*, p.74.

stabilizing fees at a modest level for the next forty years;¹⁴⁷ Canon 136 instructed all Registrars to 'place two Tables, containing the several Rates and Sums of all the said Fees: one in the usual Place or Consistory where the Court is kept, and the other in his Registry, and both of them in such sort, as every man, whom it concerneth, may without difficulty come to the View and Perusal thereof, and take a Copy of them'.

The most common of the fees set by Archbishop Whitgift were as follows:¹⁴⁸

Shared between Judge and Registrar:

Citation	10d.
Exhibiting Bill of Detection (paid by churchwardens to Registrar)	4d.
Examination of plaintiff or defendant	1s. 6d.
Examination of first witness	1s. 6d.
Examination of other witnesses	9d.
Sentence	12s. 0d.
Compurgation fee for defendant	1s. 6d.
- fee for first compurgator	1s. 6d.
- fee each other compurgator	8d.
Order of penance	10d.
Excommunication and schedule	1s. 10d.
Absolution and certificate	2s. 10d.
Dismissal	10d.

Proctor's fees:

Drawing up libel	5s. 0d.
Drawing up allegation	3s. 4d.
Attendance at each court day	1s. 0d.

Apparitor's fees:

or serving citation	2d. per mile.
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In testamentary cases, the fees for granting probates and administrations, as set out by statute, to take effect from October, 1530, were:¹⁴⁹

¹⁴⁷ Levack, op.cit., p.71.

¹⁴⁸ Peters, op.cit., pp. 77, 78; Ingram, op.cit., p.56; E.R.C. Brinkworth, *Shakespeare and the Bawdy Court of Stratford* (1972), p.18.

¹⁴⁹ 21 Henry VIII, c.5. See Peters, op.cit., p.80, n.2, and Woodcock, op.cit., p.73, n.4.

For probate:

Estates valued at less than £5: 6d. to the Registrar.

Estates valued at £5 - £40: 2s.6d. to the Judge, 1s. to the Registrar
(for the services of the scribe).

Estates valued at over £40 : 2s.6d. to the Judge, 2s.6d. to the Registrar (or 1d.
to the scribe for every ten lines of the will).

For letters of administration:

Estates valued at less than £5: no fee.

Estates valued at £5 - £40: 2s.6d. to the Judge, 2s.6d. to the Registrar.

Estates valued at over £40 : not fixed.

It is not possible to equate these scales with the fees imposed by the Peculiar Court of Banbury, as only in a minority of the Act Book cases is any figure given (and that indicating the receipt and not the imposition of fees), with no breakdown to show how that figure had actually been arrived at. Nor do they display any consistent pattern; for example, similar cases of absence from church have fees recorded of 2s. (f.57v), 3s.6d. (f.62), 1s.6d. (f.119v) and 2s.6d. (f.131v); in cases of swearing, fees received of 3s.6d. (f.35v), 2s.6d. (f.36v), 9s. (f.56v), 5s. (f.63), 5s.6d. (f.64) and 6s. (f.67) are recorded; and John Robins, accused of incontinency with Elizabeth Hadley, failed to appear, but paid 3s.6d., while Elizabeth, who did appear, produced compurgators and was dismissed, paid 18s. (f.132)

Fees in the testamentary cases are similarly cryptic: the proving of a will is charged at 3s.11½d. (f.88), 9d. (f.124v) and 6s.9d. (f.133v), while fees of 6d. (f.103v), 4s. (f.104v) and 1s.6d. (f.128v) are noted as received from occupiers of the goods of individuals who died 'nothing worth'. It is possible, however, that the fees of 9d., charged against Dorothy Abraham, a pauper, for proving her husband's will (f.124v), and of 2s. against Richard Carpenter (another pauper) for incontinence (f.24v) indicate that some remission was allowed, on some occasions at least, to those marked 'pauper', as Dr. Marchant found to be accepted policy in Nottingham and the East Riding of Yorkshire, where 'yf the partie was pore then les was taken'.¹⁵⁰ The presumption must be that full details of the fees as applied in Banbury were recorded elsewhere than in the Act Book, maybe in the Registrar's own private notebook.

A marriage licence, which enabled a couple to marry without the prior publication of banns, or during the normally forbidden periods of Advent and Lent, usually cost 10s, although Hamden Nichols and Elizabeth Pen paid only 6s.4d. (f.113); such a licence was only available to, and affordable by, 'such

¹⁵⁰ Marchant, *op.cit.*, p. 142.

persons... as be of good state and quality'.¹⁵¹ What is surprising in Banbury is that a midwife's licence also cost 10s, (f.137) and a schoolmaster's 6s.8d. (f.17v), which was considerably more than the 2s.6d. fee paid by a midwife and a schoolmaster in the Diocese of Norwich.

Another source of income for the Peculiar Court was the fee of 6d., payable by churchwardens and sidesmen when they took the oath on their appointment to office.

The early seventeenth century was a period when inflation was rising much faster than wages; although there were wide regional differences, 'wages, though crawling upwards, were still low' - less than a shilling a day for a labourer - 'and in the half century that ended with the Civil Wars the workers were living through hard times'.¹⁵²

An added burden in those hard times (bearing in mind the relative value of money then), must have been the fees demanded by the Peculiar Court at every turn from those parishioners who, for one reason or another, appeared before it, and who had to pay, whether they were found guilty or not. And this was certainly of concern to many people, because the cases recorded in the Act Book show that the Court's activities over the years 1625/6 to 1638 directly affected some five hundred people, with an indefinite number - fifty, at least - additionally involved as compurgators and witnesses; overall, that would represent just over twenty per cent of the parish population.

In the sixteenth and early seventeenth century the church courts were constantly under attack for their attempts to raise their fees in line with the level of inflation, but the scale of fees, said to be that used in commissary courts and which was submitted to Charles I's Commission on Fees in 1630, was (apart from a higher citation fee) little different from Whitgift's scale of 1597;¹⁵³ only with the increased activity of the church courts in the 1630s did the courts' officers enjoy larger incomes from legal fees.¹⁵⁴

These officers of the church courts were also accused (with some justification, perhaps) of deliberately drumming up business just to bring in more fees and so to increase their own incomes, which depended on them.¹⁵⁵ One contemporary, however, was more tolerant of their motives and activities, writing of 'Commissaryes and officials of deanes and archdeacons, which ride up and downe the Country to keepe Courte for correcting of bawdy matters etc. and

¹⁵¹ 1603 Canon 101.

¹⁵² Charles Wilson, *England's Apprenticeship, 1603-1763* (1965), p.67.

¹⁵³ Marchant, *op.cit.*, p.190.

¹⁵⁴ Levack, *op.cit.*, p.72.

¹⁵⁵ Woodcock, *op.cit.*, pp. 77-8.

take great paines for small gaynes',¹⁵⁶ while Dr. Marchant's researches in the Diocese of York led him to conclude that 'the weight of court fees has been very much exaggerated in historical writing'.¹⁵⁷

Criticism of the Church Courts

But it was the church courts themselves, and not just their financial demands, which came under mounting criticism from Puritans and the common lawyers.

The Puritans were very much in favour of moral discipline, but they wanted it to be more strictly enforced by Genevan-style consisteries and not by the church courts, which 'have their foundation in that filthy dunghill of the canon law, and thence their practices, *ex mero officio*, are only warranted to uphold and propagate the Kingdom of Antichrist, and bring in popery again'.¹⁵⁸ The 'popery' canard reared its head with renewed vigour in the 1630s, when William Laud, as Archbishop of Canterbury, used the church courts to impose his reforms upon the Church.

Puritan opposition had built up from the early years of Elizabeth's reign, but that of the Common Law was born of a longer-standing rivalry. In the early seventeenth century, propelled by Sir Edward Coke, appointed Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in 1606, and cheered on by the Puritans, the Common Law courts, by issuing writs of prohibition, deliberately embarked on a policy of taking over cases from the ecclesiastical jurisdiction so as to monopolise all litigation.¹⁵⁹ Their attack was particularly directed against the Court of High Commission, but their eventual aim was no less than the abolition of all ecclesiastical control over the laity.

Yet, while Puritan enthusiasts regarded the church courts as 'dens of lions, and mountains of leopards... markets of the sins of the people, the cages of uncleanness, the forgers of extortion, the tabernacles of bribery, and contrary to the end of civil government; which is the punishment of evil-doers, and the praise of them that do well',¹⁶⁰ and railed against the 'popish doctors of the bawdy courts',¹⁶¹ strongly Puritan Banbury would seem, during the years covered by the Act Book, to have established a *modus vivendi* with the Peculiar Court.

¹⁵⁶ Thomas Wilson, 'The State of England, Anno Domini 1600', *Camden Miscellany* 66, p.25.

¹⁵⁷ Marchant, *op.cit.*, p.235.

¹⁵⁸ Anon. 'The Downfall of the Pretended Divine Authority of the Hierarchy Into the Sea of Rome', London, 1641, p.10.

¹⁵⁹ Writs of prohibition may be issued if an ecclesiastical court acts in excess of its jurisdiction or in contravention of the law (Burn, *op.cit.*, vol. 3, pp. 388-9, 404).

¹⁶⁰ John Cotton, c.1626, Brook, *op.cit.*, vol. 3, p.155.

¹⁶¹ William Pierce (ed.), *Marprelate Tracts, 1588, 1589* (1911), p.51.

There is little doubt that a key role in this was played by the sympathetic vicar, William Wheatley. Only occasionally, in fact, did the Court threaten, or take, action against Puritan practices - for receiving and administering communion standing (f.64) and for sitting covered at divine service (f.59v) - and even when the twin causes of religious uniformity and church order were so forcefully championed by Archbishop Laud after 1633, the Court received no more presentments for nonconformity and responded only by the belated prosecution of those who could be accused of misuse of the churchyard (ff. 112v, 114, 115, 115v, 119, 120v).

'The Banbury peculiar court... the embodiment of the ecclesiastical discipline that so many puritans were supposed to have found loathsome, functioned smoothly in a parish with very strong puritan sympathies. William Whately's occasional substitution for the judge shows as vividly as anything that puritans could sometimes make do with - and make the most of - the traditional apparatus of the Church of England. In Banbury's case, though, it is significant that its status as a peculiar gave puritans opportunities they might not have enjoyed in a regular jurisdiction.'¹⁶²

The Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Church Courts

Just how efficient and effective the church courts were is difficult to assess, and generalization would be misleading. Certainly, a considerable number of parishioners failed to turn up when first summoned to appear before the Banbury Peculiar Court and only put in a reluctant appearance when cited 'by ways and means', or when excommunicated or when threatened with excommunication. William Cooper provides an extreme example: cited for not taking communion, and failing to appear, he was pronounced excommunicate on 8 May, 1626, and cited by ways and means to attend the next court (f.10); he failed to attend at eight subsequent sessions and only submitted on 16 May, 1631, when he was ordered to do penance (ff. 14v, 20v, 26, 32v, 43v, 51v, 60v, 65v, 77); in between times he was also presented for being absent from church and for abusing the churchwardens (f.37), charges which he did accept and from which he was dismissed with a monition (f.46). A few, like Samuel and Ann Such, presented for clandestine marriage (f.25v) and Thomas and Martha Paige for pre-nuptial incontinence (f.115), ignored every citation and remained excommunicate, although most did answer the summons, sooner or later.

It is, however, worth observing that the civil courts also experienced considerable difficulty in compelling attendance, and B.L. Woodcock considers that 'it is doubtful whether the percentage of the "contemnors" of ecclesiastical

¹⁶² Blankenfeld, *op.cit.*, pp. 380-1. It is also significant that this Act Book records no presentments against recusants.

jurisdiction exceeded that of those outlawed for contempt of the King's courts'.¹⁶³

Like the mills of God, the church courts, and not least the Court of the Banbury Peculiar, ground very slowly. The case of William Cooper, and, indeed, many other cases, show how long it took for a cause to complete its progression from presentment to sentence in the Peculiar Court. Very few cases were dealt with at one session alone; most rumbled on from session to session, and it was this 'old' business, rather than new cases, which took up most of the Court's time.

It is also clear that a fair amount of the business which did take place was not, in fact, recorded in this Act Book, and there are, accordingly, many loose ends and omissions: Thomas Lovell, who admitted incontinence with Anne Gregory, was enjoined to do penance (avoided by commutation) (f.48v), but there is no record that Anne was even presented; Thomas Knibbe and his wife were presented for incontinence before marriage (f.64), but there is no further entry. No report of a conclusion in the Instance Suit brought by Henry Fitch against Thomas Hollyhead 'in a cause of removal or embezzlement of legacy' (f.3v) is given, and there is often no mention at all of certification of penance or excommunication having been received, or, in testamentary cases, that required accounts and inventories have been exhibited, as the Court had ordered.

Sometimes the evidence given by witnesses is recorded (ff. 18, 72, 72v), but not in instance suits, where the legal arguments are also omitted. But these are shortcomings of the record itself and the clerks who kept it, and do not necessarily imply that the Court's activities were themselves haphazard or inadequate. For the Court of the Banbury Peculiar administered, as did the church courts generally, an ecclesiastical justice, which was not blatantly oppressive, was fair both to plaintiffs and defendants, and which, in some respects, at least, in the way it encouraged the peaceful settlement of disputes by arbitration and compromise - the 'pax' and 'concordat' of the Act Book - was superior to the procedures which applied in the courts of the Common Law.¹⁶⁴

¹⁶³ Woodcock, *op.cit.*, p.101. The poor attendance was in office suits, not instance suits.

¹⁶⁴ Houlbrooke, *op.cit.*, pp. 271-2; Ingram, *op.cit.*, p.323; Marchant, *op.cit.*, pp. 243-5.

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Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Monday, 8 May, 1626, 10-12 a.m. and 4-5 p.m., before Giles Sweit, Commissary; Humphrey Jones, Registrar, Notary Public [f.7].

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¹ Presiding officers not given.

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Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Monday, 16 May 1631, 1-2 p.m., before Richard Ingram and William Wheatley, Substitute Commissaries; Humphrey Jones, Registrar, Notary Public [f.77].

Detections exhibited 24 November, 1629 [f.79v].

Detections exhibited 2 April, 1630 [f.80v].

Detections exhibited 3 September, 1630 [f.81].

16 May, 1631, 11-12 a.m., before W.W., sub., matter of tithes [f.82v].

18 May, 1631, 2-5 p.m., before W.W., sub., matter of tithes [f.84].

² No times given.

³ No date or times given.

*Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Thursday, 4 August, 1631, 1-3 p.m., before
Giles Sweit, Commissary; Humphrey Jones, Registrar, Notary Public [f.85]*

Detections exhibited 24 November, 1629 [f.85].

Detections exhibited 2 April, 1630 [f.85v].

Detections exhibited 3 September, 1630 [f.86].

7 August, 1631, grant of administration [f.88].

*Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Monday, 24 October, 1631, 1-3 p.m., before
Giles Sweit, Commissary; Humphrey Jones, Registrar, Notary Public [f.89].*

Detections exhibited 24 November, 1629 [f.89].

Detections exhibited 2 April, 1630 [f.89v].

Detections exhibited 3 December, 1630 [f.89].

23 April, 1632, grant of absolution [f.89v].

Churchwardens and Sidesmen for Banbury and places outside called for Visitation [f.90v].

*Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Monday, 21 April, 1632, 12-3 p.m., before
Giles Sweit, Commissary; Humphrey Jones, Registrar, Notary Public [f.92].*

Churchwardens and Sidesmen for Banbury, 1632 [f.92].

Detections exhibited 24 November, 1629 [f.92v].

Detections exhibited 2 April, 1630 [f.93].

Detections exhibited 3 December, 1630 [f.93].

8 November, 1633, before John French, Substitute Commissary,
grant of administration and introduction of surety [f.95].

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*William Wheatley, Substitute Commissary; Benjamin Lovell, Substitute Commissary
[f.96, f.99v]; Humphrey Jones, Registrar, Notary Public [f.96].⁴*

Churchwardens and Sidesmen for Banbury [f.96].

Detections exhibited 24 November, 1629 [f.96v].

Detections exhibited 3 December, 1630 [f.97].

8 November, 1632, before W.W [f.100].

7 November, 1632, before W.W. in his house [f.100][f.101].

Acts in Banbury Parish Church, 20 May, 1633, 9-12 a.m., before

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21 May, 1633, grant of absolution [f.102].

26 May, 1633, penance certified [f.102].

Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Monday, 21 October, 1633, before

William Wheatley, Substitute Commissary⁵ [f.106].

Churchwardens and Sidesmen for Banbury [f.106].

5 April, 1632, grant of absolution [f.109].

⁴ No times given.

⁵ No times given.

Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Wednesday 9 April, 1634 [Visitation] 12-3 p.m., before Giles Sweit, Commissary; Humphrey Jones, Registrar, Notary Public [f.111].
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5 April, 1634, grant of absolution [f.112].

10 May, 1634, marriage licence [f.113].

Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Tuesday, 7 October, 1634⁶ [f.113v].

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3 March, 1635/6, grant of administration by Giles Sweit [f.115v].

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29 April, 1635, grant of absolution [f.118v].

7 March, 1635, will proved by Giles Sweit [f.120].

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Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Monday, 14 September, 1635 [Visitation], 12-3 p.m., before [left blank] [f.125].

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Acts in Banbury Parish Church, Monday, 10 October, 1638, before William Wheatley, Substitute Commissary; Gregory Remington, Notary Public, Registrar [f.137].

⁶ Presiding officers and times not given.

⁷ No date or times given.

ABBREVIATIONS

a.	: appeared.	dr.	: drunk, drunkenness.
abs.ch	: absent/absence from church.	em.cit.	: cited (citation emanated/issued).
absd.	: absolved.	ex.	: excommunicate, excommunicated.
absn.	: absolution.	excom.	: excommunication.
acct.	: account, to account.	exhib.	: exhibit, exhibited.
acks.	: acknowledges.	exix.	: executrix.
adix.	: administratrix.	exor.	: executor.
adm.det.	: admitted the detection.	F.L.	: Francis Little, substitute Commissary.
admin.	: administration.	for.	: fornication.
ador.	: administrator.	gent.	: gentleman.
als.	: alias.	G.R.	: Gregory Remington, Registrar.
ante px.	: before the next court.	G.S.	: Giles Sweit, Commissary.
a retro .	: before, heretofore.	hc.	: Holy Communion.
B.	: Banbury.	H.J.	: Humphrey Jones, Registrar.
bap.	: baptized.	inc.	: incontinence.
bef.	: before	in ch.	: misbehaviour in church.
B.L.	: Benjamin Lovell, substitute Commissary.	in re	: in the case of.
bro.	: brother.	inv.	: inventory.
bur.	: buried.	J.C.	: John Clarkson, substitute Commissary.
Cant.	: Canterbury.	J.F.	: John French, substitute Commissary.
cert.	: certify, certified.	jun.	: junior.
ch.	: church.	lib.act.	: Act Book.
chyd.	: churchyard.	m.	: married.
cit.	: citation, cited.	mar.	: marriage.
cit.px.	: cited to appear at next court.	mg.	: margin.
cland.mar.	: clandestine marriage.	Mich	: Michaelmas.
con.	: against.	min.	: minister.
Corp.	: Corporation.	mon.	: monition, monished.
ct.	: court.	n.	: did not appear.
cu.	: cursing.	n.e.	: no entry.
CW(s).	: churchwarden(s).	nhc.	: not receiving Holy Communion.
d.	: died.	non em.cit.	: citation not emanated.
dau.	: daughter.		
dcm.	: dismissed with a monition.		
dec.	: deceased.		
def.	: defamation.		
dim.	: dismissed.		
dkg.	: drinking.		

non em.ex.	: excommunication not emanated.	res.pen.px.	: penalty postponed to the next court.
non em.pena.	: penance not emanated.	res.pub.	: publication postponed.
n.p.	: Notary Public.	revoc.	: revocation.
oc(s).	: occupier(s) of the goods of.	R.I.	: Richard Ingram, substitute Commissary.
ODc.	: <i>Officium Domini contra</i> (the Office of the Judge against); the phrase introduces a series of cases.	s.	: son.
P.C.	: parish church.	Sab.	: Sabbath.
P.C.C.	: Prerogative Court of Canterbury.	sen.	: senior.
pd.	: paid.	SM.	: sidesman/men.
pec.	: peculiar.	s.t	: struck through.
pen.	: penance.	sub.	: substitute.
per	: through.	sw.	: swearing.
pro	: on behalf of.	tem.oc(s).	: temerarious occupier(s) of the goods of.
pro tem.	: for the time being.	test.	: testamentary.
purg.4,5...	: (com)purgation, to purge with 4,5...	V-G.	: Vicar-General.
px.	: the next court.	vide	: see.
rel.	: relict.	vm	: sought by ways and means (viis et modis).
rep.	: representative.	vmpx.	: sought by ways and means to appear at the next court.
res.leg.	: residuary legatee.	wid.	: widow.
		wkg.Sab	: working on the Sabbath.
		W.W	: William Wheatley, substitute Commissary.

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CALENDAR

Acts in the Peculiar and exempt jurisdiction of Banbury, 3rd January, 1625/6 - 10th October, 1638.

[f.1]

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, 3rd January, 1625/6, between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m., before the venerable man Giles Swett, M.A.,¹ Official and Commissary of the Peculiar and exempt jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of me, Humphrey Jones, Notary Public,² Deputy Registrar.

'John Johnson, apparitor, solemnly testified that he had duly executed all mandates to be introduced by him in this court on that day, etc.'

¹ Born 1586, son of Giles S., Bailiff of St. John's College, Oxford; matriculated as son of commoner of St. John's, 1602; B.A. Oriel College, Oxford, 23 January 1605, M.A. 30 April 1611; proctor in Oxford Vice-Chancellor's Court, 1615-23; Official of Dorchester Peculiar, Oxon., by 1625; 'Official of Peculiar of King's Sutton, 1626' (Levack); B.C.L. and D.C.L. from St. Mary Hall, Oxford, 30 June 1632; advocate of Doctors' Commons, 12 November 1632; Official of Archdeacon of Oxford, 1632-70; active as advocate in London Courts, 1634-41; the first layman to act as Commissary to the Vice-Chancellor, Oxford, 1641; Principal of St. Alban Hall, Oxford, 1641-64; assisted King's forces during the Civil War; Dean of the Arches, 1660-72; Prebendary of Salisbury, 1661; Regius Professor of Civil Law, Oxford, 1661-72; knighted, 25 March 1664; d. 13 September 1672 (Foster; Brian P. Levack, *The Civil Lawyers in England, 1603-1641: A Political Study* (1973), p.274; G.D. Squibb, *Doctors' Commons: A History of the College of Advocates and Doctors of Law* (1977), pp. 117, 175; C. Coote, *Sketches of the Lives and Characters of Eminent English Civilians* (1803), p.79).

² Before Henry VIII broke with Rome, notaries public were created by the papal court, either directly, or, more frequently, by an English bishop acting on its behalf; by 25 Henry VIII, c.21 (1533) this power of appointment passed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who exercised his authority through the newly-created Court of Faculties, which issued the necessary faculty; 'after initial issuance, the faculty was taken to the Court of Chancery to be subscribed by the Clerk for Faculties, a step essential for a faculty's validity. The process was completed when the new notary took the document to the court in which he was to exercise his office, and was admitted there. The documents that contained the faculties were the property of the recipient. Many have disappeared in consequence' (C.W. Brooks, R.H. Helmholz and P.G. Stein, *Notaries Public in England since the Reformation* (1991), p.20). Details of the appointment of Humphrey Jones and Gregory Remington (f.137) do not appear to have survived; there is no evidence that they were university graduates, so, in common with most notaries public, they would have received their training in a notary's office. In Oxford diocesan records there is no reference to Gregory Remington, and only two references to Humphrey Jones: 1. - on 29 August 1617, he attested the Bishop's acceptance of Richard Cluett's resignation from St. Aldate's Rectory (MS. Oxf. Dioc. pps. c.85, f.90); 2. - he was appointed, with others, in 1622, by Andrew Maurice, clerk, Rector of Oddington-on-Otmoor, to act on his behalf in any cases before the Bishop of Oxford or the Vicar-General in spiritualities concerning Otmoor (MS. Oxf. Dioc. pps. d.771, f.1).

*The Office of the Judge against*³ Edward Smalebone:⁴ fame of incontinence or adultery⁵ with Mary, wife of Matthew Bentley:⁶ cited 19th January: did not appear: excommunicated: 'See further at the end of this court, where the cause is finally ordered, etc.'

Against aforesaid Mary Bentley: same cause: cited: similarly as above.

Against Richard Richards, servant of John Scott:⁷ fame of incontinence or adultery with Catherine, wife of Jonathan Nayler: cited: sought by ways and and means for the next court.

[f.1v]

Against aforesaid Catherine Nayler⁸: same cause: received 3s.: cited: appeared and denied: to purge with four⁹ before the court next after Easter.

Against Richard Welford: incontinence with his wife before marriage: cited on Wednesday last: appeared: denied: to purge with four: being interrogated replied 'that he was married in the church or Chapel of Claydon'¹⁰ by Mr Saunderson, the curate¹¹ there, about the 9th day of August last was twelvemonth, for the which he had no other licence than now doth appear by the note which he now exhibiteth, and he did not enter into any bond for the obtaining of any licence': for clandestine marriage,¹² excommunicated.

Against Avis, wife of Richard Welford: same cause: cited: sought Wednesday last by ways and means¹³ for the next court.

³ MS. 'Officium domini contra'.

⁴ Later references in this case are to Edmund, not Edward, **Smalebone**.

⁵ 'Incontinence' a lawyer's term, covering fornication and adultery; 'adultery' sometimes meant 'unchastity', and did not just indicate that one or other of the partners was married.

⁶ Tithingman (1616-7), Constable (1617-8, 1621-2); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.301), pedigree (p.276).

⁷ 'of the George'; Tithingman (1617-8), Constable (1621-2); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.321), pedigree (p.276).

⁸ The case against Catherine N. continues until 16 April 1628 (f.25). She must have been J.N.'s second wife, as the burial of another 'Kathern Naylor, wife of Jonathan', appears in the *B. Reg.* on 30 January 1623/4.

⁹ i.e. to provide four compurgators; the system of compurgation allowed the accused to call upon others, who were friends or knew him/her well, as oath-helpers to testify to his/her good character and truthfulness.

¹⁰ 'Claydon was a dependent chapelry of Cropredy until 1851, when it was created a perpetual curacy' (*V.C.H. Oxon.*, vol. 10, p.191).

¹¹ William **Saunderson** was curate of Claydon from at least 1594 (*Oxon. Archives*, MS. Oxon. Dioc. Papers, b.52, f.10b); he was also curate of Mollington (*V.C.H. Oxon.*, vol. 10, pp. 191, 204). He was presented c. 1620 for not catechizing the young every Sunday and on Holy Days (Peyton, pp. 236-7). He died in 1634; his wife, Alice, died in B. in 1635.

¹² A marriage contracted without the previous calling of banns, or possession of a marriage licence. A daughter, Elizabeth, was bap. 12 June 1625, so the charge of incontinence before marriage was replaced by one of clandestine marriage.

¹³ MS. 'viis et modis'; this usually meant that the apparitor affixed this second citation to attend court to the church door or to the party's door.

Against Susan Righton: fame of incontinence with a certain Thomas Skey, unknown:¹⁴ cited: appeared and confessed 'that she hath borne a child by her unlawful carnal copulation with the said Thomas Skey, of which child she was delivered about half a year since':¹⁵ to do penance: fees received 3s.

[f.2]

Against Michael Clerke: fame of incontinence or fornication with Margery, wife of Anthony Judd of Neithrop: cited: sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against aforesaid Margery Judd:¹⁶ same cause: cited: appeared and confessed 'the said Michael Clerke hath had the carnal knowledge of her body at her mother's house in Banbury within this last twelve month': to do penance.

Against John Steward, son of Lawrence Steward:¹⁷ fame of incontinence with a maidservant of his father, viz., Eleanor Ragg: cited: sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against the aforesaid Eleanor Ragg: cited: sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against aforesaid Lawrence Steward: for conveying away his said son: cited: appeared and being examined on the detection¹⁸ answered 'that the said Eleanor lately departed out of the examine's service, he, this examine, having no knowledge of her being then with child, but since she came again¹⁹ and did accuse John Styward, this examine's son, to have begotten her with child, he thereupon went away from his master whom he then served in this town, whither he knoweth not': dismissed.

[f.2v]

Against Alice Southam, alias Cooke,²⁰ now wife of Mathew Cooke:²¹ received 2s.10d: incontinence with a certain unknown one: cited: appeared: confessed 'that one L. of Middleton Cheney hath had the carnal knowledge of her body about two years since: he is [lately s.t.] dead since': to do penance: 'the magistrates and others of the town, having a good opinion of her reformed oath etc., did write on her behalf to have some mitigation of the penance. It is therefore sent forth accordingly.'

Against John Wheatley,²² mercer: fame²³ of incontinence or adultery with Mary, wife of Matthew Weston: cited on Thursday last: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the aforesaid Mary Weston: same cause: cited: did not appear: sought by ways and means for the next court.

¹⁴ MS. 'ignotus' - 'unknown', in the sense of 'whereabouts unknown'.

¹⁵ 'John s. of Susan, a bastard' bap. 10 July 1625.

¹⁶ Margery Kimble (Kimbell) m. Anthony Judd (Jude), 19 October 1625.

¹⁷ Bap. 28 January 1605/6.

¹⁸ = 'Charge'.

¹⁹ Obsolete expression meaning 'to come abroad', 'to appear in public'.

²⁰ Aliases, or alternatives, were often used. A woman sometimes used her unmarried name as an alternative to that of her husband; in both sexes an alias may indicate a complete change of name, bastardy, a place of origin, a nickname, or an occupation.

²¹ Mathew Kook (Kouk) m. Alice Sowtham, 24 June 1624.

²² Tithingman (1620-1, 1621-2), Constable (1624-5); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.327), pedigrees (pp. 271, 272).

²³ = 'rumour'.

Against the aforesaid John Wheatley, mercer, 'for common drunkenness and swearing': cited.

[f.3]

Against Robert Udall: 'for having his apprentice to work in prayer time upon the Sabbath day': received 2s.10d.: cited on Thursday last: appeared and submitted himself: dismissed with a monition.²⁴

Against Abraham Pynar:²⁵ 'for notorious²⁶ swearing, cursing and drunkenness': received 3s.4d.: cited on Wednesday last, 1st February 1625; appeared; confessed 'that he hath offended by swearing, cursing and by being drunk sometimes'; submitted himself: to confess before the Minister and churchwardens.

Against Thomas Hawse²⁷ 'for common drunkenness and swearing': cited on Wednesday: appeared; confessed: to do penance.

Against Joyce, wife of Thomas Allen:²⁸ 'for picking of grottes²⁹ in prayer time on the Sabbath day': received 17d., 18d.: cited on Wednesday: appeared; replied 'that she being with child³⁰ and longing for a pudding, she did set her maid in the afternoon upon a Sunday, not in time of prayer or sermon, but in the time of catechism, to pick some grottes to make her a pudding': dismissed.

[f.3v]

Against the aforesaid Joyce Allen: 'for carrying herself disorderly in the church and refusing to take her place at the churchwardens' appointment, according to her worth and calling': cited: dismissed.

*Henry Fitch of Swerford against Thomas Hollyhead:*³¹ in a cause of removal or embezzlement of legacy:³² cited: Fitch appeared and constituted Merrick his proctor:³³ Hollyhead then also appeared.

Against the occupiers³⁴ of the goods of Richard Ditchfeild 'lately of Neithrop':³⁵

²⁴ 'monition', or 'admonition' - a warning.

²⁵ Abraham Pynor, 'tayler', bur. 4 February 1636/7.

²⁶ = 'disgraceful' (obs.).

²⁷ Thomas Hawse, saddler, bur, 30 August 1641.

²⁸ Joyce Gurman m. Thomas Allinn (Alin), 12 January 1623/4.

²⁹ = 'groats'.

³⁰ Mary, dau. of Thomas Allen, bap. 28 August 1625.

³¹ 1575-1639; B. Corp., Assistant (1608), Burgess (1613), Alderman (1618-39), Bridgemaster (1616-7, 1617-8, 1625-6), Mayor (1618-9, 1628-9); imprisoned, 7 June 1627, for refusing to contribute to the Forced Loan, released, 2 January 1627/8; *B.C.R.* for biography (p.308), pedigree (p.273). The **Hollyheads** (**Halheds**) were one of the most prominent families in B. See *C. & C.* vol. 7 no. 7 (Autumn 1978) pp. 199-210, D.E.M. Fiennes and J.S.W. Gibson, 'Providence and Henry Halhed'.

³² MS. 'sub [tractio] nis legati.'

³³ i.e. Counsel. William Merrick: New College Oxford, from Winchester College; admitted, Court of Arches, 8 November 1627; signed Doctors' Commons Subscription Book, 2 February 1627/8; d. 28 November 1669 (Foster; Squibb, p.173).

³⁴ 'occupier' = one who employs money or goods in trading, one who takes for his or her own use (obs.).

³⁵ Bur. 3 September 1624; *W. & I.* 2, No. 261.

cited: the case terminated: 'ordered in Mr Dr Lloyd's³⁶ time'.

Against William Tayler, son and occupier of the goods of Alice Tayler, lately of Banbury, widow:³⁷ cited: did not appear: to be sought by ways and means for the next court: 'there is an inventory exhibited by the said William to the sum of 12s.10d'.

Against Mary, relict and occupier of the goods of William Samon:³⁸ cited on Wednesday last: appeared and confessed 'that she hath in possession certain goods of the said deceased to the value of twenty nobles,³⁹ which she spends for her relief': then she again appeared and renounced administration and exhibited an inventory to the sum of £10.

[f.4]

Against the occupiers of the goods of Elizabeth Sprigg,⁴⁰ widow of Mr William Sprigg: cited.

Against the occupiers of the goods of Robert Tayler, lately of Grimsbury:⁴¹ appeared and exhibited an inventory: letters of administration granted: the account exhibited.

Against the occupiers of the goods of Richard Kymble, lately of Neithrop:⁴² cited: Anne, relict, cited on Wednesday last: appeared: exhibited the will and an inventory: the will proved.

Against the occupiers of the goods of William Hosier:⁴³ cited: appeared *1st February* in the year aforesaid John Nicholls and Peter Digwillian, creditors, and took oath of good administration and rendering of a true account: letters of administration granted to them.

Against the relict and occupiers of the goods of Charles Dodson:⁴⁴ cited.

[f.4v]

Against the occupiers of the goods of Thomas Chamberlayne,⁴⁵ knight: [no entry].

Against the occupiers of the goods of Anne Hallyhead:⁴⁶ 'query'.

³⁶ Oliver Lloyd, 1571-1625: b. Co. Montgomery; matriculated St. Mary Hall, Oxford, 25 January 1588/9; All Souls College, Oxford, B.C.L., 22 November 1597, D.C.L., 8 July 1602; Doctors' Commons, 1602-25 - the last ordained man to be admitted to D.C. as an advocate; Chancellor of Hereford Diocese, c.1602, removed 1609, reappointed 1615; Dean of Risborough, Bucks., 1605; Prebendary of Windsor, 1615-17; Dean of Hereford, 1617; occasional service in Admiralty and Delegates Courts, 1605-21; Commissary of B. Peculiar and other Oxon. peculiars of Lincoln, 18 September 1605 - 1625 (Foster; Levack, p.250). c.1610 acted against puritans and those involved in the destruction of monuments in B. churchyard (MS. Oxf. Dioc., c.94, ff. 98-99v.).

³⁷ Bur. 11 February 1624/5; *W. & I. 2*, No. 263.

³⁸ Bur. 18 March 1624/5; Clerk of the Beam (1611-2, 1617-8, 1619-20); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.321).

³⁹ The noble, a gold coin, minted in 1344 by Royal Mint, worth 6s.8d.; replaced in 1464/5 by the angel.

⁴⁰ Bur. 4 April 1625, 'a stranger'.

⁴¹ Bur. 12 April 1625; *W. & I. 2*, No. 265 (Taylor).

⁴² Bur. 25 April 1625; *W. & I. 2*, No. 266 (Kimbell).

⁴³ Bur. 14 June 1625; *W. & I. 2*, No. 270. William H, had been presented in 1614 for sitting at communion (Peyton, p.209).

⁴⁴ Bur. 14 June 1625.

⁴⁵ Recorder of B.; J.P., 1608-25; knighted, c.1615; *B.C.R.* for biography (p.303); bur. 1 October 1625 (Chamberlinn); will proved P.C.C. [20 Skynner].

⁴⁶ Bur. 21 September 1624 (Alce [Ann] Halhead); *W. & I. 2*, No. 260 (Alse Halhed).

Against Robert Croftes of Neithrop, one of the sidesmen of the parish: has not yet taken his oath for this year: he has taken it.

Against William Calcott,⁴⁷ one of the sidesmen of the parish: has not yet taken his oath for this year: [to appear] at the next court.

Against John Robbins,⁴⁸ son and executor of the will of George Robbins:⁴⁹ appeared and exhibited the will and an inventory to the sum of £86.4s.10d: will proved and administration granted.

[f.5]

Against Richard Hall⁵⁰ and Mathew Dudley,⁵¹ sidesmen of the parish: have not yet taken their oaths: Dudley was sworn with the churchwardens.

Against Edith, relict of Thomas Densy:⁵² she is ill: to be cited for the next court.

Against [blank], relict and administrator of the goods of Edward Pilkington:⁵³ cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Judith Pitham against Anne Dawkes: defamation:⁵⁴ Merricke:⁵⁵ Dawkes this day to certify performance of penance and to see the bill of expenses taxed;⁵⁶ did not appear: excommunicated: excommunication read by Mr Ralph Flexney,⁵⁷ priest: the bill taxed at 27s.6d.: Dawkes admonished to pay before the 10th March: appeared and offered 12d. of the expenses.

Against Margaret Sherwood, relict of Hugh Sherwood:⁵⁸ appeared: to exhibit an inventory before the next court.

Against the relict and occupier of the goods of Thomas Long:⁵⁹ to be cited for the next court.

Against the occupiers of the goods of John Raynoldes, lately of Neithrop:⁶⁰ an

⁴⁷ William **Calkett** of Neithrop, bur. 1 March 1643/4.

⁴⁸ Searcher and Sealer of Leather (1636-7); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.320).

⁴⁹ Bur. 6 December 1625 (**Robbins**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 268 (**Robbins**); Searcher and Sealer of Leather (1617-8), Tithingman (1620-1, 1622-3), Constable (1625-6); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.320).

⁵⁰ Richard **Hall**, 'upholster', bur. 29 July 1644.

⁵¹ Tithingman (1624-5); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.305).

⁵² Bur. 21 January 1625/6; *W. & I.* 2, No. 272 (**Densy**); Taster of Victuals (?1614-5, 1616-9); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.305). On 23 August 1622, the CWs. had reported 'a fame that Thomas **Densye** is Runn awaye from his wife with Ellenor Overbury' (Peyton, p.218).

⁵³ d. 1626, no burial entry in *B. Reg.*; *W. & I.* 2, No. 271.

⁵⁴ 'Defamation', in ecclesiastical courts, corresponded to 'slander' in secular courts; in most cases it was more abuse than defamation.

⁵⁵ The proctor, whose name is written in the margin beneath the names of the parties involved.

⁵⁶ = 'set', or 'fixed'.

⁵⁷ Ralph **Flexney** of Oxon., gent.; Oriel College, Oxford, matriculated 16 October 1607, aged 13; B.A., 21 January 1610/11; one of the original Fellows of Wadham College, Oxford; M.A., 3 December 1613; Vicar of Offchurch, Warwks., 1617 (Foster).

⁵⁸ Bur. 23 January 1625/6 (**Shirwood**); Aletaster (1591-2), Constable (?1604-5, 1607-8); B. Corp., Burgess (by 1621, to 1625); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.321).

⁵⁹ Bur. 29 June 1625; B. Corp. (from 1586), Bailiff (1588-9); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.314), pedigree (p.275). He m. Joan, widow of John **Vivers**, 4 November 1577.

⁶⁰ Bur. 13 April 1625 (**Raynoles**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 264 (**Raynolles**).

inventory to the sum of £3.18s.10d. exhibited by Thomas, the son,⁶¹ to whom administration was granted and by whom an oath was taken to administer faithfully and to render a true account.

[f.5v]

*The same Judith Pitham against Isabel Williamson:*⁶² defamation: Merricke: the witnesses produced by Merricke were examined: Isabel Williamson admonished to appear this day: appeared: the Judge, at the petition of Merricke, published the depositions of the witnesses in the presence of Isabel protesting nullity etc.: Merricke proposed a term being assigned to conclude all acts, Isabel dissenting; at the petition of Merricke the Judge admonished her to appear at the next court in person or by proctor.

*Against Richard Horne and Elizabeth his relict of Horley:*⁶³ Horne appeared at Banbury; confessed to the detection: to confess the debt [or obligation]: received 6s.4d.

*Against John Newman,*⁶⁴ cordwainer: 'he attempted to have his child baptized without godfather or godmother':⁶⁵ [no entry].

Against his wife, who 'went abroad without giving thanks for her delivery and she is not yet churchd': [no entry].

[f.6]

Against Anne Dodson, relict and executrix of the will of Charles Dodson: monished to appear at the next court.

27th March, 1626, before the aforesaid Judge.

*O.Dc. Edmund Smalebone:*⁶⁶ incontinence or adultery with Mary Bentley: appeared and confessed 'that he had the carnal knowledge of the body of the said Mary Bentley since Easter last and before the said presentment was exhibited into this court, and for that his offence he submitteth himself': to do penance in the church of Banbury in the time of Morning Prayer, clad in a linen sheet, on the first Sunday after Easter:⁶⁷ then on the 28th March Smalebone appeared and, at his petition, was allowed commutation

⁶¹ Tithingman (1618-9, 1619-20), Searcher and Sealer of Leather (1619-20), Constable (1620-1, 1621-22, 1622-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.319), pedigree (p.278).

⁶² The CWs. had presented 'Elsabeth Shirwood' in 1610 'for defaming the wiffe of Thomas Williamson' (Isabel W.) (Peyton, p.204).

⁶³ Presumably, the clerk should have written 'wife', not 'relict', as Elizabeth was not a widow, although in the Middle Ages 'relicta' was sometimes used for 'divorced wife'; it is unfortunate that the actual charge is not given.

⁶⁴ Searcher and Sealer of Leather (1630-2, 1635-6?); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.316).

⁶⁵ The Prayer Book rubric requires that 'There shall be for every Male child to be baptized, two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every Female, one Godfather and two Godmothers.' Richard, s. of John and Ann N. was bap. 8 January 1625/6.

⁶⁶ Tithingman (1611-2), Constable (1614-5); B. Corp., Burgess (1622-9); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.321), pedigree (p.271). He d. 1658, but although he should have been a candidate for higher local office, his name does not appear as a Capital Burgess after 1629, which suggests that his exclusion was the result of his unacceptable personal behaviour.

⁶⁷ MS. 'die dominica in albis' - Low Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter.

in the sum of £5 for pious uses: dismissed with a monition that he does not consort with the aforesaid Mary Bentley except in public places: absolved from excommunication.

Against the aforesaid Mary Bentley: for the same cause: appeared 27th March: answered 'that he, the said Edmund Smalebone, hath had the carnal knowledge of her body at her own house in Banbury about Michaelmas last': submitted herself: to do penance:

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then on 28th March the said Mary appeared and at her petition was allowed commutation in the sum of £4: dismissed with a monition that she does not consort with the said Smalebone except in public places: absolved from excommunication.

[f.7]

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, Monday 8th May, 1626, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, before Giles Swett, M.A., Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Richard Richards, servant of John Scott: fame of incontinence or adultery with Catherine, wife of Jonathan Nayler: decree by ways and means had been issued: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the aforesaid Catherine Nayler: received in part [payment] 10s: to purge this day: the Judge postponed the cause to the hour between 4 and 5 p.m., at which time Catherine Nayler appeared and brought as compurgators Mary Samon, Frideswide Hall, Juliane Long and Joan Tong; they swore for the said Catherine that the aforesaid Richard Richards had never had carnal copulation with her: dismissed with a monition.

Against Richard Welford and Avis his wife: incontinence before marriage: they appeared and confessed: to do penance.

[f.7v]

Against Susan Righton: fame of incontinence with a certain Thomas Skey: to certify performance of penance: certified.

Against Michael Clerke: fame of fornication or incontinence with Margery, wife of Anthony Judd of Neithrop:⁶⁸ appeared and denied 'that he ever had the carnal knowledge of the body of the said Margery': to purge with four before the next court.

Against the aforesaid Margery Judd of Neithrop: in the same cause: to certify performance of penance: certified.

Against John Steward, son of Lawrence Steward: fame of incontinence with the maidservant of his father, Eleanor Ragg: citation by ways and means had been issued: did not appear: excommunicated.

[f.8]

Against Eleanor Rigg, maidservant of Lawrence Steward: for the same cause: had been cited by ways and means: did not appear: excommunicated.

⁶⁸ Anthony Judd (Jude) m. Margery Kimble (Kimbell), 19 October 1625.

Against Alice Southam, alias Cooke, wife of Mathew Cooke: incontinence with a certain unknown one:⁶⁹ to certify performance of penance: penance has been certified.

Against John Whatley, mercer: 'for common drunkenness and swearing': [no entry].

Against Abraham Pynar: 'for notorious swearing, cursing and drunkenness': to certify performance of penance: cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

[f.8v]

Against Thomas Hawse: 'being once' [further words omitted] 'since he confessed his fault of late in that kind': appeared: denied the detection: dismissed with monition.

*Henry Fitch of Salford*⁷⁰ *against* Thomas Hollihead: removal or embezzlement of legacy: Merricke put in libel⁷¹ of which Hollyhead received a copy and has to respond at the next court and to appear from court day to court day until the cause is settled.

Against William Tayler, son and occupier of the goods of Alice Tayler: [no entry].

Against Mary, relict and occupier of the goods of William Sammon, lately of Banbury: appeared: administration granted.

Against Anne Wootton: incontinence with Thomas Neale: she is a pauper: appeared: confessed 'that she hath had a child unlawfully begotten by one Thomas Neale of Banbury a year and a half since,'⁷² who is now run away': to do penance.

[f.9]

Against the occupiers of the goods of Elizabeth Sprigg, widow: Mr William Sprigg: cited.

Against Masters John Nicholls and Peter Digwillian, occupiers of the goods of William Hosier: appeared and exhibited an inventory to the sum of £20.2s.2d.⁷³

Against Henry Hollyhead, junior, occupier of the goods of Anne Hollihead: 9th May 1626: appeared: administration granted; an inventory to be exhibited within next six weeks.⁷⁴

Against Edith, the relict of Thomas Densy: appeared and exhibited an inventory to the sum of £2.1s.6d.:⁷⁵ administration renounced.

Against the relict and administrator of the goods of Edward Pilkington: to exhibit an account 'etc.' at the next court.

⁶⁹ MS. 'ignotus', - 'unknown', in the sense of 'identity unknown'.

⁷⁰ f.3v 'Swerford'.

⁷¹ MS. 'libellus': the First Plea (i.e. the initial statement) in Plenary Causes (Causes of Instance) which are not criminal. 'A declaration or charge, drawn up in writing, on the part of the plaintiff, unto which the defendant is obliged to answer. For when the defendant appeareth upon the citation, then the libel ought to be exhibited by the plaintiff, and a copy of it delivered to the defendant' (Burn, 3, p.261). In Testamentary Causes the First Plea is called an 'Allegation'.

⁷² Bap. 24 October 1624, 'Elizabeth dau. of Anne, a bastard'.

⁷³ W. & I. 2, No. 270.

⁷⁴ W. & I. 2, No. 260, inv. exhib. 9 May 1626.

⁷⁵ Inv. taken, 9 May 1626; W. & I. 2, No. 272.

[9v]

Judith Pitham against Anne Dawkes: defamation: inhibition from the Court of Audience of Canterbury introduced by Robert Dawkes:⁷⁶ the Judge decreed the case suspended.

Against Margaret Sherwood, relict of Hugh Sherwood: received 1s.: Robert Carpenter, one of the creditors, appeared: administration granted to him; to exhibit an inventory etc., in next the court.

Against Joan, relict and occupier of the goods of Thomas Longe:⁷⁷ sought by ways and means on Thursday last: appeared and took oath 'that her husband left no goods at all at his death': dismissed.

Judith Pitham against Isabel Williamson: defamation: Merricke: to conclude at the petition of Merricke: concluded sentence assigned to be pronounced in this place between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m.; at which hour Isabel Williamson appeared and Merricke exhibited the sentence in writing; the judge read it and pronounced condemnation; Isabel dissented: to appeal.

[f.10]

Against Seth Pope:⁷⁸ 'for not receiving at Easter, 1625, or since': he owes the fees: appeared 9th May, 1626; confessed 'that in respect of some differences between him and one of his neighbours, he did forbear to receive the Communion as is presented against him': monished to receive at the next Communion; also to confess his fault before the Minister and churchwardens 'in that he hath been so negligent of himself by continuance so long without receiving that sacrament'.

Against John Easy:⁷⁹ same offence: sought yesterday at his house: to be sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against William Allen:⁸⁰ same offence; sought as above: to be sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against John Kench: same offence: cited: did not appear: excommunicated: to be sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against William Cooper: same offence: similarly.

⁷⁶ Robert D. and his wife had been presented by the CWs., 17 June 1619, Robert for behaving 'himselfe incontinently towards the wiffe of Mr Foster Attorney [f.65v] & towards his maide called Katherin Wady also as is reported publiquely in the towne of Banbury. the maner was by putting his hand under their clothes & lifting them up to feel their privities'; his wife for behaving 'herselfe troublesomely against the wife of the said Foster being her seat fellow by jusselling & pushing her as she goes by her in time of divine service' (Peyton, p.213).

⁷⁷ Joane Vivars m. Thomas Longe, 4 November 1577.

⁷⁸ Tithingman (?1612-3), Constable (1613-4, 1614-5); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.318).

⁷⁹ John Easey, butcher, bur. 11 November 1637.

⁸⁰ Tithingman (1614-5), Constable (1618-9, 1619-20); B. Corp., Burgess (from 1625/6), Alderman (from 1629/30-1660/1), Bridgemaster 1625-7, 1635-7, 1652-3), Mayor (1632-3, 1653-4); imprisoned for refusing to pay Forced Loan, 7 June 1627, released 2 January 1627/8; J.P. (1655-6); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.299). His second wife, Bathsua, was presented, 15 March 1620/1, for sitting at the communion (Peyton, p.215). Although of puritan leanings, he was strongly anti-Quaker - the Quaker, Ann Audland, addressed him, as 'Justice of Peace so called, but little peace I find in thee' (*The Saints Testimony Finishing through Sufferings* (1655), p.28).

'The information delivered by Thomas Hawes upon his oath concerning Mr Mathew Alsop⁸¹ his abuse towards this court etc., viz., he maketh oath that he, the said Thomas Hawes, being at the house of the said Mr Alsop, wished him to come thither by a stranger that inned⁸² or lodged at his inn in Lent last, and that gentleman, speaking to him, the said Hawes, and calling him honest man, the said Mr Alsop being present answered, "he an honest man, how can that be, and he being in the bawdy court the last week."'

Against the aforesaid Mr Mathew Alsop: appeared: to purge himself 'that he did not call this court a bawdy court⁸³ as Thomas Hawes doth inform against him': he refused: to appear at the next court to give cause why he should not be excommunicated.

[f.10v]

Licence to marry granted by Mr Clarke:⁸⁴ Richard Cartwright of Clattercote, gentleman, and Elizabeth Caldwell of Cropredy,⁸⁵ widow: received 10s.⁸⁶

Against John Newman, cordwainer: 'he attempted to have his child baptized without godfathers or godmothers': dismissed.

Against Anne Dodson, relict and executrix of the will of Charles Dodson: paid 2s.6d.: appeared and alleged 'that the said Charles her late husband had, at the time of his life and death out of this jurisdiction of Banbury where he lived and died, viz., in Noball⁸⁷ in the county of Worcester, a debt of £8 for the rent of a mill there, whereof he was the owner, which debt was and is still owing by one Richard Hixson': dismissed.

Against Elizabeth Griffin: she owes the fee: appeared: confessed 'that Thomas Griffin her husband did beget her with child before they were married together':⁸⁸ to do penance.

⁸¹ Vintner; B. Corp., Burgess (1622/3-1627/8); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.299). He had been presented by the CWs., 9 September 1619, 'for a fame of incontinent carridge towards one of his maid-servants named Joan ffisher & for offeringe to go to bed to her in his howse' (Peyton, p.214).

⁸² 'to inn' = to lodge or put up at an inn (rare); also used to mean the gathering in of harvest ('inning of corn, grain, and hay', 5 Elizabeth I, c.4, s.15).

⁸³ The court was commonly called 'the bawdy court' or 'the bum court', because of its concern with sexual offences.

⁸⁴ ?Walter Clarke, Vicar of Brackley, 1621-39.

⁸⁵ Mar. at Horley, 27 February 1625/6. This Richard C. was not the same as that at Aynho, who had married Mary Egerton (d. 1654) before 1614 (G. Baker, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Northampton*, vol. 1 (1822), pp. 548-9; N. Cooper, *Aynho* (B.H.S., vol. 20, 1984), p.314). However, their son John did acquire the Clattercote estate in 1674 (*V.C.H. Oxon.*, vol. 10, p.195), whilst the 1729 Buck engraving of Clattercote claimed the estate had 'been in the possession of the Cartwrights above 100 years'.

⁸⁶ Marriage licences could be obtained from the early sixteenth century and enabled a couple to avoid the necessity and inconvenience of publishing banns. In cases such as this, the couple would also avoid delay and publicity and would deprive anyone in the parish of the chance of objecting to the marriage; for these reasons - and, of course, if they could afford it - many people chose marriage by licence.

⁸⁷ Noball = Nobury, hamlet of Inkberrow, Wores.

⁸⁸ The child, Nicholas, was bap. 25 April 1624, and bur. 27 December 1626; a second child, Katherine, was bap. 15 January 1625/6. It is not clear why Thomas G. was not also presented.

[f.11]

Churchwardens⁸⁹ and Sidesmen⁹⁰ for Banbury for the current year, 1626. Churchwardens: John Goodwin⁹¹, John Newland,⁹² Nathaniel Wheatley,⁹³ William Tayler of Grimsbury, William Tayler of Neithrop: all sworn.

Sidesmen: John Webbe,⁹⁴ Nathaniel Hill,⁹⁵ Edward Bosse,⁹⁶ John Newman, Peter French,⁹⁷ William Calcott: all sworn.

Hornton: William Dalby, Christopher Arne, William Mister: all sworn.

Horley: Henry Goodwin, Peter Momford, Henry Parker: all sworn.

[f.11v]

Judith, wife of Anthony Pitham, against Anne Dawkes, daughter of Robert Dawkes: Merrick: Merrick exhibited proxy for Judith: Anne Dawkes appeared: Merrick gave in the libel the said Anne receiving a copy: Anne Dawkes has to reply to it in the next court herself or by her proctor and to appear from court day to court day until the cause is settled.

⁸⁹ MS. 'Gardiani'; also known as 'questmen', 'churchmen', or 'church maysters'. 'All Churchwardens or Questmen in every Parish, shall be chosen by the joint consent of the Minister and the Parishioners, if it may be: But if they cannot agree upon such a Choice, then the Minister shall choose one, and the Parishioners another: and without such a joint or several Choice, none shall take upon them to be Churchwardens neither shall they continue any longer than one year in that Office, except perhaps they be chosen again in like manner' (1603 Canon 89). The CW.'s oath on taking office would be after this form: 'You shall swear well and faithfully to execute and performe the office of a Churchwarden for your parish for this present year, according as you are thereunto especially bound by the Queen's Ecclesiasticall laws - So help you God' (J.S. Purvis, *An Introduction to Ecclesiastical Records* (1953), p.52).

⁹⁰ MS. 'Inquisitores sive Assistentes'; also known as 'sidemen' (Foxe's *Book of Martyrs*, 1570) or 'sworn men'. Like CWs. were chosen by the Minister and parishioners, 'The Choice of which persons, viz. Churchwardens or Questmen, Sidemen or Assistants, shall be yearly made in Easter-week' (1603 Canon 90); churchwardens and sidesmen were to continue in office until their successors were sworn (1603 Canon 118). The sidesman's oath was of the form: 'You shall swear that you will be assistant to the churchwardens, in the execution of their office, so far as by law you are bound: So help you God' (Burn, 1, p.404).

⁹¹ Constable (1611-2, 1612-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.307).

⁹² ?Taster of Victuals (1624-5), Constable (1629-30, 1630-1, 1632-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.316).

⁹³ 1599-1666: Tithingman (1622-3), Constable (1624-5, ?1627-8, 1628-9); B. Corp., Burgess (by 1630), Bridgemaster (1631-2, 1639-41), Alderman (1634-66), Mayor (1636-7, 1643-4, 1656-7), J.P. (1655-6, 1662-3, 1666), Deputy Mayor (1662-3), Chamberlain (1665-6); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.328), pedigree (p.272).

⁹⁴ 1598-1671: Tithingman (1625-6, 1626-7), Constable (1627-8, 1628-9); B. Corp., Burgess (from 1632), Bridgemaster (1633-5, 1653-5), Alderman (1642-62), Mayor (1642-3, 1659-60), Chamberlain (1654-62); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.325), pedigree (p.279).

⁹⁵ Constable (1629-30); B. Corp., Burgess (from 1629/30), Alderman (from 1636/7 - 1666), Mayor (1639-40, 1647-8, 1663-4), Bridgemaster (1641-3), J.P. (1662-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.311), pedigrees (pp. 275, 276).

⁹⁶ Tithingman (1629-30, 1630-1), Constable (1631-2, 1632-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.301).

⁹⁷ Husbandman of Overthorpe.

[f.12]

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, held on Monday, 18th December, 1626, between 12 and 3 p.m., before Giles Swett, M.A., Official and Commissary of the Peculiar and exempt jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Richard Richards: fame of incontinence or adultery with Catherine, wife of Jonathan Nayler: has been excommunicated:

31st March, 1627, certificate of delivery had been received and Richards absolved and dismissed.

Against the aforesaid Catherine Nayler: same cause: fees owing⁹⁸ [no further entry].

Against Richard Welford: incontinence with his wife before marriage: to certify performance of penance: did not appear: pronounced contumacious, but penalty postponed to the next court.

[f.12v]

Against Susan Rigton: fame of incontinence with a certain Thomas Skey: penance has been performed.

Against Michael Clarke: fame of fornication or incontinence with Margery, wife of Anthony Judd of Neithrop: had to purge with four before this day: appeared: brought as compurgators John Jackson, Thomas Ell, John Wyse and William Jarvis: declared purged: received 18s.

Against the aforesaid Margery Judd: same cause: she has performed penance.

Against John Steward, son of Lawrence Steward: fame of incontinence with his father's maidservant, Eleanor Ragg: excommunicated: certificate of denunciation duly returned.

Against the aforesaid Eleanor Ragg, maidservant of Lawrence Steward: same cause: excommunication has gone forth.

[f.13]

Against Alice Southam, alias Crooke, wife of Matthew Crooke: incontinence with a certain unknown one: penance has been performed.

Against John Whatlie, mercer: 'for common drunkenness and swearing': [no entry].

Against Abraham Pynar: 'for notorious swearing, cursing and drunkenness': excommunicated.

Henry Fitch of Salford against Thomas Holihead: removal or embezzlement of legacy: Merricke: received from Mr Hollyhead 2s.6d.: Hollyhead to respond to the libel: was admonished to appear on Thursday last; on 20th December, 1626, Hollyhead answered libel in writing and constituted Mr French⁹⁹ his proctor; Merricke gave in allegation in writing, French dissenting: Hollyhead to reply before the next court.

⁹⁸ MS. 'debit feoda'.

⁹⁹ John F.: Merton College, Oxford; B.A., 19 April 1616; M.A., 8 May 1622; B.C.L., 11 April 1635; Registrar, Oxford University, on death of his father (Thomas F.), 1629, until his own death on 9 February 1650/1 (Foster).

[f.13v]

Against William Sprigg, occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Sprigg, widow: [no entry].

Against the occupiers of the goods of William Hosier: to exhibit the account: cited.

Against Henry Hollyhead, occupier of the goods of Anne Hollyhead: 4s.6d. paid: to exhibit an inventory this day: exhibited.

Against Edith, relict of Thomas Densy: she renounced administration, as previously stated.

Against Margaret Pilkington, relict and administratrix of Edward Pilkington: to exhibit the account: cited on Thursday last by Johnson: did not appear: excommunicated.

[f.14]

Against Margaret Sherwood, relict of Hugh Sherwood: to exhibit an inventory: cited.

Against the relict and occupier of the goods of Thomas Long: pauper: dismissed as before noted.

Judith Pittam against Isabel Williamson: defamation: Merricke: Isabel appeared: to do penance by Monday, 27th December: to pay expenses which judge taxed at £2.10s. besides the expenses of the monition etc., before the Feast of the Purification¹⁰⁰ next, otherwise to appear at the next court following that.

Against Elizabeth Griffin: incontinence before marriage: to certify performance of penance: certified.

[f.14v]

Against Eleanor Wills of Coulton in the parish of Cropredy, relict and executrix of the will of Sampson Giles of the same parish: citation to exhibit the will went forth: 'see the Act Book for Cropredy' [whole entry s.t.].

Against Seth Pope: not receiving at Easter last: to exhibit performance of confession: was excused: dismissed: paid 3s.

Against William Allen: he owes the fees: citation by ways and means went forth: appeared: objected to him 'that he hath had a child baptized without godfathers or godmothers, and that the same was done of his procurement or consent': confessed 'that Mary, his daughter, was about Easter last, baptized in the Church of Banbury¹⁰¹ before the open congregation by Mr William Wheatley,¹⁰² the Vicar there, without any godfather or godmother, which he did not contradict or dislike with, and he saith that he himself was then present, and confesseth that he did not provide any godfather or godmother for his said daughter's christening, but he saith that he moved some of his

¹⁰⁰ 2 February, Candlemas, Purification of the Blessed Virgin.

¹⁰¹ 16 April 1626, dau of William and Bathsheba A.

¹⁰² William Wheatley, Whatley or Wateley, 1583-1639: son of Alderman Thomas W., nephew of William Knight; c.1597 entered Christ's College (one of the most puritan of Cambridge colleges); B.A., 1601; M.A. from St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 26 June 1604; returned to B., 1605, to lecture: curate, 1605-11; Vicar of B., 1611 (presented by the Crown, instituted by the Bishop of Lincoln, 18 January 1610/11) until his death (bur. 14 May 1639); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.328), pedigrees (pp. 271, 272) (Venn; Beesley, pp. 267-73; Blankenfeld, pp. 453-87; Benjamin Brook, *The Lives of the Puritans*, 3 vols. (1842), 2, pp. 436-40; 'William Whately, Prototypes: Together with Mr. Whatelyes Life and Death' by Henry Scudder (London, 1640).

neighbours to undergo that office for him who denied him, because, as they said, they were unwilling to take upon them so great a charge': ['the said William Allen, being interrogated of his opinion of the order or manner of baptizing children with godfathers and godmothers, he desireth to be respite until the next court to consider of his answer to be given thereto' *s.t.*] monished to appear at the next court.

Against [Roger *s.t.*] Kench: excommunicated.

Against William Cooper: excommunicated.

[f.15]

Against Mr Matthew Allsoppe: received 3s.6d.: had been monished to appear this day to give cause why he should not be excommunicated because he refused to purge himself for calling this court a bawdy court: in the afternoon he appeared at the house of the Judge and confessed 'that he spake some words to that effect, as he is charged with, but he did not mean them to any contempt or disgrace of this court, and he is sorry that there was such offence taken against him for it, and he promiseth to give no such cause of dislike hereafter': dismissed.

Against the occupier of the goods of Thomas Luccocke, cordwainer:¹⁰³ he had no goods at the time of his death: pauper.

Against the occupier of the goods of Michael Smith, of Calthorpe:¹⁰⁴ Eleanor, relict, cited personally on Thursday last; appeared: monished to exhibit an inventory of the goods of the departed in this court on Wednesday next.

Against Joan Richards, alias Best, daughter and occupier of the goods of Thomas Best of Calthorpe:¹⁰⁵ cited to do as above: let Edward Best, son and executor, be cited for the next court.

[f.15v]

Against Anne, relict and occupier of the goods of Daniel Hatton:¹⁰⁶ cited: appeared and exhibited an inventory to the sum of £1: administration granted. received 1s.

Against Winifred, relict and occupier of the goods of Richard Browne of Warkworth:¹⁰⁷ sought: appeared and exhibited nuncupative will¹⁰⁸ with an inventory: administration granted; to exhibit an account in the next court: received for the will and administration £1.14s.7d.: for the account, £1.12s. [*Note in margin, presumably referring to Richard Browne, 'heardman'*¹⁰⁹ of the town].

Against Frances, wife of William Higgins: fame of incontinence; 'for which she hath been carted':¹¹⁰ appeared, offered to purge herself and brought as compurgators Margaret

¹⁰³ Bur. 31 May 1626 (Luckock).

¹⁰⁴ Bur. 7 June 1626.

¹⁰⁵ Bur. 22 July 1626.

¹⁰⁶ Bur. 28 September 1626 (Hatton); *W. & I.* 2, No. 273.

¹⁰⁷ Bur. 16 October 1626; *W. & I.* 2, No. 274.

¹⁰⁸ A will made by word of mouth only and not written, signed or sealed by the deceased; the deceased expressed his intentions before 'credible witnesses', who then made sworn statements before the probate court; a written will could not be revoked by a nuncupative will.

¹⁰⁹ = a herdsman, a keeper of a herd or flock of domestic animals, one acting as a herd.

¹¹⁰ 'carted' = carried through the streets in a cart for a punishment (used especially for bawds).

Frauncys Crasley m. William Higgyns (Higgines), 19 April 1608.

Jones, Alice Webb, Joan Evans, Joan Comner and Sarah Wagwall and petitioned that they be admitted, which they were; Frances Higgins replied to the detection [*her answer is written by the clerk in various places on the page where he could find space; pieced together they run as follows*]: 'that whereas she stands presented upon suspicion of adultery, as she believeth with one Luke Gill,¹¹¹ she answereth that she met with the said Luke upon the last Friday in April last at the house of one Hathaway in Banbury. From thence they went together to the house of Nicholas White in Banbury to fold up his shirts, as she was appointed, and she returned home thence over the fields being her next¹¹² way home, the said Luke running after her over two of the fields between 10 and 11 of the clock in the night time, and she denieth that he did then or at any other time commit incontinence or adultery with her or attempt any such act with her'.

Against Henry Smith, carrier: 'for ordinary'¹¹³ absence from divine service on most Sabbath days': sought on Thursday last at his home.

[f.16]

Against Zachariah Beenham, cordwainer:¹¹⁴ same cause: cited as above: to be cited by ways and means for the next court.

Against Mr Edmund Smalbone: fame of fornication or adultery with Mary Bentley: cited on Thursday last: appeared: offered to purge himself with four of his neighbours: ordered to do so before the next court.

Against the aforesaid Mary Bentley: same cause: cited as above: appeared; denied the charge: to purge as above.

Against the same Edmund Smalbone and Mary Bentley: 'for not receiving the communion': cited.

[f.16v]

Anthony Hall,¹¹⁵ farmer or proprietor¹¹⁶ of a portion of the tithes within the parish of Banbury, against Thomas Webbe¹¹⁷ in the aforesaid cause:

¹¹¹ Tailor, who died of the plague, April 1644 (his wife had died in March of the same year).

¹¹² = 'nearest' (obs.).

¹¹³ = 'regular' (obs.).

¹¹⁴ The experience of Zachariah B. (1595-1662/3) illustrates the perils of family life in the seventeenth century. He married Ussold Needle, 15 January 1620/1; their first child, Henry, bap. 13 April 1621; triplets - 'Robert, Zakarias and Allis' were bap. 1 April 1622, and all three were bur. 10 April 1622; a son, John, bap. 13 April 1623, was bur. 15 April 1639; son Robert, bap. 31 July 1625, was bur. 15 April 1636; Ussold herself was bur. 11 May, 1632. On 21 August 1639, Zachariah m. Mary Cole; another son, Henry, was bap. 13 September 1640, and bur. 4 September 1641; 'a child of Zackery B.' was reported to have died of plague in May 1644, apparently unbaptized; Zachariah was bur. 8 February 1662/3, his wife, Mary, 7 September 1666.

¹¹⁵ Tithingman (1616-7), Constable (1618-9, 1619-20); B.C.R. for biography (p.309), pedigrees (pp. 271, 277).

¹¹⁶ = lessee.

¹¹⁷ B. Corp., Chamberlain (1601-4), Alderman (by 1607 - 1640), Bailiff and Mayor (1607-8), Mayor (1619-20, 1629-30, 1637-8), Overseer of the Poor (1612-3), Bridgemaster (1614-5, 1631-3), J.P. (1631-2, 1633-4); imprisoned, 1627, for refusing to pay Forced Loan, released 2 January 1627/8; B.C.R. for biography (p.326), pedigree (p.279).

French: cited: Hall constituted French his proctor: Thomas Webbe appeared: French gave in the libel: Webbe to answer before the feast of the Purification next: received 2s.8d. and 2s.4d.

Judith Pitham against Anne Dawkes, daughter of Robert Dawkes: defamation: Merrick: fees owing: Anne appeared; she denied the Libel: 20th December Anne Dawkes appeared and Merrick produced as witnesses Thomas White, Anne Yatton, William Udall and Anne Wing; they were admitted and ordered to appear before next court.

Against John Easy: 'for not receiving the communion': has been cited by ways and means by affixing on the door of the church of Banbury on Thursday last: has not appeared: excommunicated.

[f.17]

Against William Kench of Horley: fees owing: appeared: answered to the detection 'that one Nicholas Fritter of Stowe, in the county of Northampton, his wife's brother, sent for him to come to Banbury to speak with him; and he, taking with him William Watton, his son-in-law, came hither to Banbury accordingly, which was in Lent last, and then meeting together he, the said Fritter, having with him one Dynah Elliott who was great with child, and was lately come from London and was to travel further to her friends viz., at Dunchurch¹¹⁸ or thereabouts, as she told this examinee, desired him, this examinee, and obtained of him to give her a night's lodging; but she, the said Dynah, being so entertained by him, this examinee, fell in travail the next day after at his, this examinee's house, and thereupon she continued her lying in there for a month, and then she departed, taking her leave of him, this examinee, but paying him nothing towards the charge of her diet or for her being there, neither did any one else satisfy him for any part thereof, but it was his pleasure freely to bestow that charge upon her; and he further sayeth that the child being stillborn, the said Dynah named Lawrence Fritter the son of the said Nicholas to be the father of it; and the said Dynah was not known to him before that time; and he saith and he knew that the said Dynah at his first meeting with her as aforesaid was with child, and he did verily believe then that she was unmarried; and he saith that she is now departed from his house and hath not received punishment by the authority of the ecclesiastical Judge of that place': this confession accepted: to do penance.

[f.17v]

Against William Watton of Horley: fees owing: appeared and replied 'that in Lent last he went with William Kench, his father-in-law, to bear him company to Banbury, and they brought home with them there to lodge for that night one Dynah Elliott whom he, this examinee, did then understand at Banbury to be then with child and unmarried; and the next day after she was delivered of a child stillborn, begotten as she affirmed by one Lawrence Fritter, son of the said Nicholas; and after the said Dynah had lain in there a month she departed there without any punishment inflicted upon her by the ecclesiastical Judge of that place.'¹¹⁹

¹¹⁸ Warwickshire.

¹¹⁹ The 'harbours' of pregnant women, particularly those from other parishes, aroused parochial concern; it was condemned on moral grounds, but the main worry was that both the illegitimate child and the mother would become a burden on the rates.

Received of Mr Wheatley the fees of two licences of marriage, viz. [no further entry]: paid 20s.

Against Mr William Harte, schoolmaster at Banbury: received 6s.8d.: decreed to be licensed.

20th December, 1626.

Against Organ Nicholls,¹²⁰ occupier of the goods of John Wing:¹²¹ sought yesterday by ways and means, to appear at the next court.

[f.18]

'The information of Edward Weston ... of the age of 14 years or thereabouts¹²² against the purgation of Frances Higgins, viz., he saith that about Easter last he and John Smith, David Lawley, Nicholas Beale and others, about eleven of the clock at night, coming over the fields near Banbury, they found Frances, the wife of William Higgins, and another man alone together in a pit; and upon their coming towards them she went away a little way from the fellow, and again she went with him and called him brother and wished him to go along with her, saying she would not have him lie there.'

Against the occupiers of the goods of George Brown and Eleanor his relict:¹²³ the churchwardens stated 'that they died worth but £1.10s., and the one half thereof was owing by them to the church'.

Against Joan Pyner, sister and executrix of the will of George Pyner:¹²⁴ received 7s.6d.: appeared before Mr Swett, Official or Commissary at Banbury, 20th December, 1626: will proved.

[f.18v] [blank]

[f.19]

Banbury 11th May, 1627.

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury between 9 and 12 a.m., before Mr Giles Swett, M.A., Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Richard Richards: incontinence with Catherine, wife of Jonathan Nayler: dismissed, as previously stated.

Against the aforesaid Catherine Nayler: same cause: fees owing: to be cited for the fees before the next court.

¹²⁰ Organ Nicholls, als. Nix, mercer: Constable (1618-9); B. Corp. Burgess (by 1629/30), Alderman (1639/40-1651/2), Mayor (1641-2); involved in sheep pens dispute (1655-6); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.317), pedigree (p.277). See also J.S.W. Gibson, 'This Stinking Smoke', *C. & C.*, Vol. 10, No. 5 (Spring 1987), pp. 128-31, and 'Trouble over Sheep Pens', *C. & C.*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Spring 1977), pp. 35-48.

¹²¹ Mercer, bur. 22 November 1626; will proved in P.C.C. [35 Skynner]; B. Corp., Burgess (by 1604), Chamberlain (1604-8), Overseer of the Poor (1612-3), Alderman (by 1615, to 1626), Mayor (1615-6), Bridgemaster (1617-8, 1621-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.329).

¹²² Bap.13 February 1613/4, 'Edward s. of Edward'.

¹²³ George Browne, bur. 9 November 1626; Eleanor (Ellinn) Browne bur.16 November 1626.

¹²⁴ Bur. 3 December 1626; *W. & I.* 2, No. 275.

Against Richard Welford: incontinence with his wife before marriage: penance not certified, but penalty reserved until this day; the penance had not been sent out; Welford did not appear: penalty postponed until the next court.

[f.19v]

Against Eleanor Ragge maidservant of Lawrence Steward: fame of incontinence with John Steward, son of Lawrence Steward: excommunicated.

Against John Whatlie; for 'common drunkenness and swearing': citation has not gone forth.

Against Abraham Pynar: 'for notorious swearing, cursing and drunkenness': excommunicated.

Henry Fitch of Salford against Thomas Hollihead: removal or embezzlement of legacy: Merricke: French: Thomas Hollyhead appeared and made answer: Merrick assigned to conclude all acts at the next court: received 2s. from Mr Hollyhead for his response to the allegation.¹²⁵

[f.20]

Against William Sprigg, occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Sprigg, widow: to be cited for the next court.

Against the occupiers of the goods of William Hosier: to exhibit the account: received £1.2s.6d.: Mr Nicholls appeared for himself and the other administrator¹²⁶ and exhibited the account.¹²⁷

Against Margaret Pilkington, relict and administratrix of the goods of Edward Pilkington: to exhibit the account: received 6s.: excommunication has not gone forth: appeared and exhibited the account.

Against Margaret Sherwood, relict of Hugh Sherwood: a pauper: to exhibit an inventory: [no entry].

Judith Pitham against Isabel Williamson: defamation: Merricke: Judith had been monished to do penance and to pay expenses, otherwise to appear this day: penance performed: Isabel cited to appear and pay expenses: she appeared, and, not paying expenses was declared contumacious¹²⁸ and excommunicated.

[f.20v]

Against William Allen: had been monished to certify penance: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against [blank]¹²⁹ Kench: pauper: excommunication did not go forth.

Against William Cooper: excommunication did not go forth.

Against Helen Smith, relict and occupier of the goods of Michael Smith of Calthorpe: had been monished to appear this day: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Edward Best, son and executor of Thomas Best: pauper: sought on Wednesday last: to be cited by ways and means for the next court: 'he is now pressed and gone for a soldier.'

¹²⁵ See f.8v (note 71).

¹²⁶ Peter Digwillion.

¹²⁷ *W. & J.* 2, No. 270.

¹²⁸ i.e. having shown contempt for the authority of the Court.

¹²⁹ John K.

[f.21]

Against Henry Smith, currier: 'ordinary absence from divine service on most Sabbath days': cited by affixing on the door of the church on Wednesday last: did not appear: excommunicated: afterwards he appeared and confessed 'that he hath been absent upon Sundays from divine service oftentimes, according as it is presented against him; for which he submitteth himself and doth promise that hereafter he will be more careful to perform his duty that way': to confess his fault before the Minister and churchwardens: fees owing.

Against Zachariah Beenam, cordwainer: same cause: as above: fees owing.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: fame of fornication or adultery with Mary Bentley: fees owing: paid in part £2: to purge with four this day: did not appear: excommunicated: then appeared and brought as compurgators Henry Stoakes, John Long, Richard Steward and Lawrence Steward; Edmund Smalebone swore 'that he had not any carnal knowledge of the body of the said Mary Bentley, nor committed any incontinency with her within the compass of time, as is declared in and by the last two presentments exhibited against him'; then the compurgators affirmed 'that they are very persuaded in their consciences that the said Edmund Smalebone did therein swear truly': declared purged and monished not to consort with the said Mary, except in cases permitted.

Against the aforesaid Mary Bentley: fees owing: same cause: to purge as above: did not appear: excommunicated: then appeared and brought as compurgators Joan Long, Anne Cooper and Alice Seacole: declared purged and monished as above.

[f.21v]

Against the same Edmund Smalebone and Mary Bentley: not receiving: to be cited for the next court.

Anthony Hall, farmer or proprietor of a portion of the tithes within the parish of Banbury, against Thomas Webbe: tithe cause: French: the parties have come to an agreement.

Judith Pitham against Anne Dawkes: Merrick: depositions of witnesses have been published, Anne dissenting: Merrick to propound all acts at the next court.

Against John Easy: not receiving: citation did not go forth.

[f.22]

Against William Kench of Horley: 'for entertaining one Dynah Elliott, unlawfully begotten with child, to lie at his house': to certify performance of penance.

Against William Watton of Horley: 'he assisted the said Kench in entertaining and harbouring the aforesaid Dynah Elliott:' [No entry.]

Against Mr William Harte, schoolmaster at Banbury: to be cited for the next court.¹³⁰

Against Organ Nicholls, occupier of the goods of John Wing: received 2s.6d.: cited: appeared and exhibited administration committed to him and the will from the Prerogative Court, and swore 'that he, the said Wing, at the time of his life, had owing out of this jurisdiction above the sum of £10 in good debts.'

¹³⁰ No charge given.

Against the occupiers of the goods of George Browne and Eleanor his relict: to be cited for the next court.

[f.22v]

Against Roger Tatam, pauper: 'for being often drunk': appeared; confessed 'that he hath offended in this kind': to do penance.

Against William Dissill of Neithrop and Joan his pretended wife: fees owing: appeared and answered 'that he and the said Joan were married together by Mr Clarckeson¹³¹ at his church of Horley, about a month after Christmas last by a lawful licence':¹³² monished to appear at the next court 'and to bring then a certificate from Mr Clarckeson of his being married by him as aforesaid'.

Against Joan, relict and executrix of the will of Simon Harvey: ¹³³ received 7s.10d.: appeared and exhibited the will and an inventory: will proved: sum of the inventory, £33.

Against Alice Tayler, daughter of Susan Tayler, alias Mayoe,¹³⁴ widow: received 4s.6d.: appeared and exhibited an inventory: administration granted to Richard French, maltster.

Against Alice Wheatley, relict and executrix of the will of Samuel Wheatley:¹³⁵ received 10s: appeared and exhibited an inventory: will proved.

Against Joan Long, relict and executrix of the will of John Long of Neithrop:¹³⁶ appeared and exhibited an inventory and will: will proved: received 10s.

[f.23]

Churchwardens: John Goodwin, John Newland, Nathaniel Wheatley, William Tayler, William Tayler: all sworn.

Sidesmen: Peter French, John Webbe, Nathaniel Hill, John Newman, Edward Basse, William Calcott: all sworn.

Against Elizabeth West, relict and executrix of the will of Samuel West, senior:¹³⁷ pauper: received 1s.7d.: appeared and exhibited an inventory and will: will proved.

Against Alice Gooddin, relict and executrix of the will of William Gooddin:¹³⁸ pauper: received 2s.6d.: similarly as above.

¹³¹ John Clarkson, Clarson, Vicar of Horley and Hornton, 1612-52 (bur. 5 May 1652): B.A. from Christ's College, Cambridge, 1604/5; M.A., 1608 (Venn). He and his successor as vicar, his son, Thomas (bap. 4 November 1618, Vicar 1652-68) 'sadly neglected the fabric and furniture of both churches'. One of their problems may have been church rates; in 1631 the rate for Horley was 7s. a yardland and that for Hornton 5s.8d., but Hornton people refused to pay rates for the upkeep of Horley church' (*V.C.H.*, 9, p.133). The chancel of Horley was especially 'ruinous and much decayed', but responsibility for that was charged against 'Mr. Richard Light parson of horlye' (Peyton, pp. 262, 263, 264).

¹³² No entry in Horley Mar. Reg.

¹³³ Bur. 19 March 1626/7 (*Harvy*); *W. & I.* 2, No. 281 (*Harvy*).

¹³⁴ Bur. 8 March 1626/7; *W. & I.* 2, No. 279 (*Maoh*).

¹³⁵ Bur. 8 January 1626/7 (*Wheatly*); *W. & I.* 2, No. 277 (*Wheatly*).

¹³⁶ Bur. 2 February 1626/7; *W. & I.* 2, No. 278 (*Longe*).

¹³⁷ Bur. 5 December 1626; *W. & I.* 2, No. 276.

¹³⁸ Bur. 21 December 1626 (*Goodwin*); *W. & I.* 2, No. 282.

Against [blank],¹³⁹ relict and executrix of the will of Robert Craftes:¹⁴⁰ appeared; petitioned that the proving of the will should be reserved until the next court: granted.

Against Avis, relict of Samuel West, junior:¹⁴¹ pauper: she lives at Adderbury: [*no entry*].

[f.23v]

Against Margery Weston, widow and occupier of the goods of [*blank*]¹⁴² Weston: to be cited for the next court.

Against Anne, relict of Edward Coates:¹⁴³ received 2s.6d.: pauper: 12th May 1627, before the Commissary: administration granted.

Against Alice Jurden, relict and executrix of the will of Richard Jurden:¹⁴⁴ appeared; an inventory exhibited: will proved: fees owing.

Against Alice, relict of Mathew Tayler:¹⁴⁵ pauper: [*no entry*].

Against the relict of Thomas Cox,¹⁴⁶ labourer: pauper: [*no entry*].

Against Robert Southam, son of Barbara Southam,¹⁴⁷ widow: received 1s.: ordered to reply to the detection before the next court and to attend that court.

Against Margaret Bull of Grimsbury: incontinence with a certain unknown one: sought on Wednesday last: to be cited by ways and means for the next court.

Against John Bull of Neithrop: 'for being often and commonly drunk, and for his negligence in coming to church': sought as above: to be cited by ways and means for the next court.

[f.24]

12th May, 1627, before the Commissary.

Against John Steward, son of Lawrence Steward: incontinence with Eleanor Rugg, maidservant of his father: received 7s.11d.: appeared; confessed 'that he had the carnal knowledge of the body of Eleanor Rugg, named in the presentment, who afterwards proved to be with child, and was delivered and brought to bed at Stow-on-the-Wold¹⁴⁸ in the county of Gloucester, and she did, at her delivery, as he hath been informed, charge him to be the father of her child', and he submitted himself: to do penance and certify by the 29th June next: afterwards the said Steward was absolved from excommunication for not attending to answer this cause.

¹³⁹ Joan C.

¹⁴⁰ Bur. 30 December 1626 (Craftts als. Ambrose); *W. & I.* 2, No. 290; Taster of Victuals (1612-3, 1613-4); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.304).

¹⁴¹ Bur. 10 January 1626/7.

¹⁴² William W., her son, bur. 8 January 1626/7; will proved in P.C.C. [42 Skynner].

¹⁴³ Bur. 17 January 1626/7 (Coles); *W. & I.* 2, No. 280.

¹⁴⁴ Bur. 25 January 1626/7 (Jorden); *W. & I.* 2, No. 284 (Jordan).

¹⁴⁵ Bur. 1 March 1626/7.

¹⁴⁶ Bur. 8 April 1627 (Kox).

¹⁴⁷ Bur. 6 May 1627 (Barbroe Sowtham).

¹⁴⁸ MS. 'Stowe the-old'.

27th June, 1627.

The matter of the revocation of the administration of the goods of Elizabeth Rickettes,¹⁴⁹ widow, by James Rickettes, her son, surreptitiously obtained;¹⁵⁰ moreover the proving of the will promoted by Anne Steward, alias Rickettes, daughter of the defunct, against the aforesaid James Rickettes: received 2s: cited for the next court.

[f.24v] [blank].

[f.25]

BANBURY, 16th April, 1628.

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury 16th April, 1628, between 1 and 3 p.m., before Mr Giles Sweit, M.A., Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Catherine Naylor: fame of adultery with Richard Richards: received 1s.: to be cited to show cause why she should not be excommunicated for not paying the fees.

Against Richard Welford: incontinence with his wife before marriage: received 4d: pauper: penalty for not certifying performance of penance had been reserved: did not appear: [excommunicated s.t.].

Against Eleanor Ragge: fame of incontinence with John Steward, son of Lawrence Steward: excommunication had been certified at the last court.

Against Abraham Pynar: excommunicated: dismissed [Added later].

[f.25v]

Henry Fitch of Salford against Thomas Hollyhead: removal or embezzlement of legacy: French: received 5s. for a copy of the will.¹⁵¹ to conclude all acts, at the petition of Fitch.

Against William Sprigg, occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Sprigg: cited on Thursday last: did not appear: excommunicated: then, on 17th April, appeared and answered 'that the said Elizabeth Sprigg, his mother, died at his house in Banbury about a fortnight after her coming to him to sojourn a while with him from her other son, Anthony Sprigg, in Leicestershire, where her dwelling was, and he saith that at her death she had no goods besides her wearing apparel in Banbury, nor elsewhere to his knowledge, she, the said Elizabeth, having in her lifetime disposed by a deed of gift departed from all her goods to the said Anthony Sprigg': dismissed.

Against the same William Sprigg: for a cessment¹⁵² towards the reparation of Drayton church of £5.3d. - 13s.9d.:¹⁵³ received 2s.6d.: similarly as to the first citation

¹⁴⁹ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*

¹⁵⁰ 'Administration Bond between James Ricketts of Banbury, gardiner, and Thomas Ricketts of Bruern Abbey, Oxon., gen.' dated 31 January 1625/6; in will, dated 30 June 1620, Elizabeth's brother, Michael Rowsam, is named exor. (*W. & I.* 2, No. 269). An Administration, or Testamentary Bond, was usually entered into in cases of intestacy, when it was signed by the recipient of Letters of Administration (see f.29v).

¹⁵¹ It is not stated whose will was involved.

¹⁵² Or 'cess', a tax, or rate.

¹⁵³ Thus in MS. The clerk probably meant to write '£50' and then, after a little space, '3d.' (the rate of tax per £); this would mean a tax of 12s.6d., and the extra 1s.3d. would be for a fee.

of the said Sprigg: the next day he appeared and confessed 'that he hath in his occupation certain grounds in Drayton worth fifty pounds per annum and no more, and the churchwardens articulate,¹⁵⁴ having taxed him towards the reparation of Drayton church for those grounds at 3d. in the pound, he, this respondent, submitteth himself to pay for the same accordingly to the churchwardens of that parish': ordered 'to make payment thereof to the churchwardens for the time being of that parish, before the feast of Pentecost'.

Against Margaret Pilkington, relict and administratrix of the goods of Edward Pilkington: cited.

Judith Pittham against Isabel Williamson: defamation: Williamson excommunicated for not paying expenses.

Against Samuel Such and Anne his wife: clandestine marriage and incontinence before marriage:¹⁵⁵ sought yesterday at the house of Robert Daux where they were living: did not appear: to be sought by ways and means for the next court.

[f.26]

Against [blank] Kench: [excommunicated s.t.]: pauper.

Against William Cooper: excommunicated.

Against Helen Smith, relict and occupier of the goods of Michael Smith of Calthorpe: excommunicated.

Against Henry Smith, currier: 'for ordinary absence from divine service most Sabbath days': to certify performance of penance this day, and to pay the fees: owes fees: he is dead.¹⁵⁶

[f.26v]

Against Zachariah Beenam, cordwainer: for the same offence: to certify performance of penance and to pay the fees: did not appear: excommunicated: fees owing.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: fame of adultery or fornication with a certain Mary Bentlie: cited for the remainder of the fees: sought on Thursday last: to be sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against the aforesaid Mary Bentlie: same cause: cited to give cause why she should not be excommunicated for not paying expenses: cited on Thursday last: did not appear: excommunicated: fees owing.

Against the same Edmund Smalebone and Mary Bentlie: for not receiving communion: citations went forth: similarly with regard to their citations.

Against John Easy: not receiving communion: excommunication did not go forth.

[f.27]

Judith Pittham against Anne Dawks, daughter of Robert Dawks: term to conclude assigned, Dawkes dissenting.

Against Roger Tatham: being often drunk: to do penance.

¹⁵⁴ i.e. in the detection.

¹⁵⁵ No record of date of mar. in *B. Reg.*, but bap. of 'Robert s. of Samuel S.' is recorded, 16 November 1628; the *B. Reg.* also records the burial of 'Samuell S., a yong child' on 6 September 1630.

¹⁵⁶ *Bur.* 2 August 1627.

Against William Dissill of Neithrop and Joan his pretended wife: 'Mr Clarkson married them (as they say) at Horley': the said William ordered to appear this day to prove their marriage: appeared and exhibited a note subscribed by Mr Clarkson: ordered to appear at the next court to see further.¹⁵⁷

Against Joan, relict and executrix of the will of Robert Crafts: received 6s.6d.: cited on Thursday last: appeared and exhibited an inventory: will proved.

[f.27v]

Against Avis, relict of Samuel West, junior: pauper: cited: let her be cited again for the next court.

Against Margery Weston, mother and executrix of the will of William Weston: cited yesterday: George Weston appeared and exhibited the will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury: fees not paid: the aforesaid Margery ordered to appear at the next court to pay the fees.

Against Alice Jurden, relict and executrix of the will of Richard Jurden: pauper: received 7s.6d.: will proved as before noted; had been ordered to appear this day to extract the will and prove the same under seal: did not appear: [excommunicated *s.t.*]: then appeared and brought the will with seal: dismissed.

Against Alice Tayler, relict of Mathew Tayler: pauper: to be cited for the next court.

Against the relict of Thomas Cox, labourer: pauper: to be cited for the next court.

[f.28]

Against Robert Southam, son of Barbara Southam, widow: cited: did not appear: excommunicated: appeared 17th April 1628: renounced administration of the goods of the departed: administration committed to another: received 2s.6d.: Robert Southam absolved and dismissed.

Against Margaret Bull of Nethercote: incontinence with one unknown: citation by ways and means went forth, affixed to the door of the church of Banbury on Monday last in time of divine service: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Bull of the same place: 'for being often and commonly drunk and for his negligence in coming to church': citation by ways and means went forth: similarly as above: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Steward, son of Lawrence Steward: incontinence with Eleanor Ragg: to certify this day performance of penance: he performed penance: query payment of fees.¹⁵⁸

Against William Higgins, labourer: fame of incontinence with a certain Elizabeth Saunders, alias Blacksley: cited on Thursday last: appeared; admitted the detection: to do penance and ordered to appear at the house of the Judge to receive the schedule of penance in writing: he appeared and was ordered to perform penance accordingly.

[f.28v]

Against the aforesaid Elizabeth Saunders, alias Blacksley: same cause: cited yesterday: appeared; confessed that she had given birth to a child by illicit coitus with the aforesaid William Higgins:¹⁵⁹ to do penance as Higgins had been directed.

¹⁵⁷ i.e. to proceed in this case.

¹⁵⁸ MS. 'mulcte', a word rarely used in ecclesiastical court records in this connection.

¹⁵⁹ Bap. 25 December 1627, 'William s. of Elizabeth **Sanders**, a bastard'.

Against Richard White: fame of incontinence with a certain Ursula Rogers:¹⁶⁰ sought yesterday by ways and means: appeared and denied: to purge with four.

Against the aforesaid Ursula Rogers, alias Piper (or Pipen): same cause: sought by ways and means: appeared and confessed 'that the said Richard White had the carnal knowledge of her body': to do penance.

Against Margaret, wife of Richard Crosbey, alias Carpenter: 'for tarrying at home on the afternoon at the time of divine service and entertaining idle persons in her house upon Sunday, the 18th day of November last past': cited on Thursday last: appeared: to appear to answer to the detection before the next court.

Against Edward Smart:¹⁶¹ 'for sitting in the house of the said Crosbey at the same time, being without any due occasion': cited: sought on Thursday last by ways and means for the next court.

[f.29]

Against Gedeon Crosbey: same cause: cited: appeared: ordered to answer to the detection at the next court.

Against Mr Richard Marmian and [blank]¹⁶² his wife of Hardwick: continual absence from church: cited: to be sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against John Whatlie, mercer: 'for being many times drunk': cited.

Against John Bull of Nethercote: continual absence from church: cited: sought yesterday by ways and means for the next court.

Against Mary Bentlie, relict and occupier of the goods of Mathew Bentlie:¹⁶³ cited: appeared and exhibited an inventory: renounced administration: administration committed to Edmund Smalebone: received for the administration 7s.: 'See this Act extended on the 3rd. folio following.'¹⁶⁴

[f.29v]

The matter of the revocation of the administration of the goods of Isabella Rickardes,¹⁶⁵ widow, by James Rickettes her son surreptitiously obtained; moreover the proving of the will and inventory by Anne Steward, alias Rickardes,¹⁶⁶ daughter of the defunct against the aforesaid James Rickettes: cited: French exhibited his proxy for Anne Steward; James Rickardes¹⁶⁷ appeared; French gave in allegations with the schedule of the will attached and petitioned for their admittance: received 11s.

¹⁶⁰ Dau. of Robert R., grazier, bap. 27 October 1588; she had been presented by the CWs., 7 March 1620/1, for adultery with John **Breedon** of Cropredy (Peyton, p.216).

¹⁶¹ 'a cariar'.

¹⁶² Mary.

¹⁶³ d. intestate, bur. 30 June 1627 (**Bently**).

¹⁶⁴ f.31v.

¹⁶⁵ This entry duplicates that in f.24, but the clerk has struck through 'Elizabeth' and inserted 'Isabella', and amended '**Rickettes**' to '**Rickardes**'.

¹⁶⁶ The clerk has struck through '**Rickettes**' and written above it '**Rickardes**'.

¹⁶⁷ The clerk has here written '**Rickardes**', but has left unchanged the two references to 'James **Rickettes**'.

*Alice Cornwell against Henry Fox:*¹⁶⁸ defamation: received 2s.; and for the interlocutory decree,¹⁶⁹ 4s.: cited: Alice Cornwell at the house of the Judge constituted Mr French her proctor; Henry Fox appeared; French gave in the libel; Fox stated 'that within the time libelled he, having heard that the said Alice had borne a bastard, he did say and report that he did hear it so spoken of her'.¹⁷⁰

Against Marian Drinkwater, relict and administratrix of the goods of George Drinkwater:¹⁷¹ exhibited the inventory at Oxford:¹⁷² paid 1s. for scrutiny: received 2s.6d. for a copy of the inventory: 'he owed to Mr Smalebone £2 money lent etc.': received 3s.4d. for the account.

[f.30]

Against Henry Smith, currier, occupier of the goods [*no further entry of cause*]: pauper: cited.

Against John Smith, son and occupier of the goods of John Smith,¹⁷³ shoemaker: cited: sought on Thursday last by ways and means for the next court.

Against Elizabeth, relict and occupier of the goods of Thomas Crowder, currier:¹⁷⁴ cited: appeared; exhibited an inventory; renounced administration; administration committed to Edward Wattes of Great Bourton: received 7s.; received 2s.6d. for renunciation; 9s. given freely.

Against Isabel, relict and occupier of the goods of Thomas Winge, shoemaker:¹⁷⁵ cited: appeared and exhibited an inventory; administration renounced; then appeared Edward Parsons, one of the creditors and administration was granted to him at the sign of the George in Banbury:¹⁷⁶ received £1.1s.3d.

Against Elizabeth, wife and occupier of the goods of Walter Wawford of Neithrop:¹⁷⁷ cited: appeared and exhibited an inventory; will proved: received 8s.

¹⁶⁸ Tithingman (1643-4).

¹⁶⁹ Interim decrees by the Judge.

¹⁷⁰ There is no further reference to this case in this Act Book, but from MS. Oxf. Archd., c.128, f.62, we learn that Fox was found guilty of slander and was ordered to do penance before the Minister, CWs. and substantial householders in the church after Morning Prayer. Besides confessing his fault, Fox had to ask forgiveness of Cornwell, thus making reconciliation possible, which was how the Church hoped all such cases would end.

¹⁷¹ Bur. 4 November 1627; *W. & I. 2*, No. 289 (**Drinckwater**).

¹⁷² 21 November 1627 (*W. & I. 2*, No. 289).

¹⁷³ Bur. 22 October 1627; *W. & I. 2*, No. 287.

¹⁷⁴ Bur. 25 October 1627 (**Crowdar**); *W. & I. 2*, No. 288.

¹⁷⁵ Bur. 2 November 1627 (**Wing**); *W. & I. 2*, No. 293; Tithingman (1612-3), Searcher and Sealer of Leather (1618-20), Constable (1619-20, 1620-1); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.330).

¹⁷⁶ This is an earlier reference to the 'George' than Beesley's 1644 (Beesley, p.504); John Scott (q.v.) was the innholder.

¹⁷⁷ Bur. 30 June 1627 (**Wafford**); *W. & I. 2*, No. 285 (**Walfard**).

[f.30v]

*Against [blank]*¹⁷⁸ the daughter and occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Allen of Calthorpe:¹⁷⁹ cited: to be cited for the next court.

BANBURY: Churchwardens and Sidesmen.

For the previous year:

Churchwardens: John Goodwin, John Newland, Nathaniel Wheatley, William Tayler, senior, William Tayler, junior; all sworn.

For the current year, 1628:

Churchwardens: Francis Andrewes,¹⁸⁰ John Webbe, John Hall,¹⁸¹ William Calcott of Neithrop, Goodridge Wilson of Grimsbury; all sworn, except Wilson; 6d. paid by Calcott.

For the previous year:

Sidesmen: Peter French, John Webbe, Nathaniel Hill, John Newman, Edward Basse, William Calcott.

For the current year 1628:

Sidesmen: Edward Russell,¹⁸² Edward Weston,¹⁸³ John Yates,¹⁸⁴ Edward Langham,¹⁸⁵ John Kimbell, John Banister;¹⁸⁶ all sworn, except Russell: 6d. [paid] by Banister.

[*Against* George Phillips: incontinence with Elizabeth Phelip: cited *s.t.*]

[*Against* Joan Ball lately maidservant of John Heele: incontinence with Mr Heele: cited *s.t.*]

[f.31]

Against John Nichols, executor of the will of Thomas Nichols:¹⁸⁷ Mr John Nichols appeared and exhibited the will; will proved: received 11s.; received 2s.6d. paid by Sturton.¹⁸⁸

¹⁷⁸ Helen Smith.

¹⁷⁹ Bur. 16 October 1627 (Allenn).

¹⁸⁰ Woollendraper: Tithingman (1624-5), Constable (1626-7); B. Corp., Burgess (from 1627/8), Alderman (1628-40), Bridgemaster (1627-9), Mayor (1635-6); CW. (1623); had refused to pay Forced Loan, 1627; *B.C.R.* for biography (p.299), pedigree (p.275).

¹⁸¹ Taster of Victuals (1617-8, 1618-9), Constable (1633-4); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.309).

¹⁸² Tithingman (1624-5), Constable (1625-6); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.320), pedigree (p.280). In 1640 charges were presented in the Peculiar Court against him when he was sworn CW., by John **Howes**, Vicar of B.; it was claimed that Russell's reputation made him unfit to be a CW. - he had embezzled money from the Mercers' Company, when Constable he had refused to render account, he had been charged with incontinence (ff. 124, 127v, 132v), and had suborned a witness in a defamation case he brought against, William **Gilkes**, a B. tradesman, in 1638; the Commissary ruled his selection as CW. to be contrary to custom and invalid (MS. Oxf. Archd., c.157, ff. 215-6, 217-8, 221v).

¹⁸³ Chandler of Grimsbury.

¹⁸⁴ Tithingman (1633-4, 1634-5), Constable (1635-6, 1636-7); B. Corp., Assistant (1661-2); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.330).

¹⁸⁵ Tithingman (1631-2, 1632-3), Constable (1633-4, 1634-5); B. Corp., Burgess (1652-9); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.313).

¹⁸⁶ Of Warkworth (?).

¹⁸⁷ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; will dated 8 April 1624 (*W. & I.* 2, No, 292).

¹⁸⁸ Joan, sister of Thomas N., who m. John **Turton**, 2 October 1610, and was a beneficiary under her brother's will.

'Received of Mr William Wheatley for five several licences of marriage viz., for John Bentley and his wife;¹⁸⁹ Mr Gooddin and his wife;¹⁹⁰ Mr Edward Taylor and his wife;¹⁹¹ and two others, viz., [no names added]: £6.'¹⁹²

*Anne Busby, spinster, deceased:*¹⁹³ Elizabeth Bradford, wife of Leonard Bradford, appeared: administration granted to her: received 1s.11d.

In the Church of Horley, 17th April, 1628, between 3 and 5 p.m.

Horley:

[Churchwardens?]: Robert Wells, Thomas Blackhall, sworn;

[Sidesmen?]: John Kench, Richard Pratt, sworn.

Hornton

[Churchwardens?]: John Palmer, sworn; Edward Howse, absent;

[Sidesmen?]: Thomas Hix, Timothy Fox, sworn.

[f.31v]

Against William Watton of Horley and Margaret his wife: incontinence before marriage: Watton appeared and confessed 'that he did beget the said Margaret his wife with child before their marriage together'¹⁹⁴: to do penance: fees owing.

Against the same William Watton of Horley: 'presented upon a fame of begetting Alice Densy with child': appeared; answered to the detection 'that there is a common [fame] in this parish of his begetting the said Alice with child, according to the detection etc., but denieth that he ever had the carnal knowledge of her body, and offereth to purge himself thereof': to purge with four before the next court at Banbury.

Mathew Bentley died intestate: 16th April, 1628 at Banbury before Mr Giles Sweit in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public:

Mary Bentley, widow and relict of the aforesaid Mathew Bentley appeared and stated that Mathew Bentley died intestate and exhibited an inventory of his goods.¹⁹⁵ *16th April 1628* at Banbury administration granted to Mr Edward Smalebone.¹⁹⁶ account to be rendered.

[f.32]

BANBURY, 10th November, 1628.

ACTS in the Church of Banbury 10th November, 1628, between 12 and 3 p.m., before Mr Giles Sweit, M.A. Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Eleanor Ragg: fame of incontinence: she remains excommunicated.

¹⁸⁹ John B. m. Jane **Hall**, 15 May 1627.

¹⁹⁰ William **Goodwinn** of Alkerton m. Anne **West**, 29 August 1627.

¹⁹¹ Mr. Edward T. m. Mrs. Mary **Hawten**, 27 January 1627/8. See *C. & C.* vol. 6. no. 5 (Spring 1975), J.S.W. Gibson, 'A Disputed Inheritance', p.83.

¹⁹² Clerk's error - should be £2.10s.

¹⁹³ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; inv. taken, 7 December 1627, exhib. 16 April 1628; acct. exhib., 29 July 1629 (*W.& I.* 2, No. 291).

¹⁹⁴ William W. m. Margaret **Richards**, 30 April 1627; a son, Robert, bap. 17 June 1627.

¹⁹⁵ *W.& I.* 2, No. 286.

¹⁹⁶ Other references in this case are to Edmund, not Edward, **Smalebone**.

Henry Fitch of Salford against Mr Thomas Hallihead: Merrick; French: sentence to be given this day; to be given at the petition of Horne, substitute for Merrick: to pass sentence at the next court.

Against Mr William Sprigg, occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Sprigg: dismissed, as before stated.

Against the same William Sprigge: for a cessment towards the repair of the church of Drayton £5.3d.; 13s.9d.:¹⁹⁷ 'he is monished to certify this day of his payment of his tax to the church of Drayton': to appear for the same reason at the next court.

[f.32v]

Judith Pittam against Isabel Williamson: excommunication signified to the King's majesty.

Against Samuel Such and Anne, his wife: clandestine marriage and incontinence before matrimony: decree by ways and means affixed to the door of the church on Monday last: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Cooper: remains excommunicated.

Against Helen Smith, relict and occupier of the goods of Michael Smith of Calthorpe: excommunicated.

Against Zachariah Beenham: 'for ordinary absence from divine service most Sabbath days': pauper: excommunicated: appeared: absolved and dismissed with a monition.

[f.33]

Against Mr Edward [sic]¹⁹⁸ Smalebone: fame of adultery or fornication with a certain Mary Bentlie: decree by ways and means went forth.

Against the aforesaid Mary Bentlie: same cause: excommunicated: fees owing.

Against the same Edmund Smalebone and Mary Bentley: not receiving: the said Bentley excommunicated: decree by ways and means went forth against the said Smalebone.

Against John Easey: not receiving: excommunicated.

Judith Pittham against Helen¹⁹⁹ Dawkes, daughter of Robert Dawkes: French to conclude at the petition of French, Anne being monished to appear this day; Anne did not appear; French accused her of contumacy and she was excommunicated: the Judge consulted with French and declared the conclusion and assigned sentence to be pronounced at the next court.

[f.33v]

Against Roger Tatham: 'for being often drunk': had to do penance: has not certified: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Dissell and Joan, his pretended wife: clandestine marriage and incontinence before marriage: they appeared and proved they were married at Horley by Mr Clarkson, but confessed their incontinence before marriage:²⁰⁰ to do penance: received 8s.6d.

¹⁹⁷ See f.25v and Note 153.

¹⁹⁸ Clerk's error, writing 'Edward', instead of 'Edmund'.

¹⁹⁹ Clerk's error, writing 'Ellina', instead of 'Anna'.

²⁰⁰ There is no entry in the Horley Mar. Reg., or Horley Bap. Reg., and no entry in B. Bap. Reg. before 1630.

Against Avis, relict and executrix of the will of Samuel West: pauper: cited to pay fees: fees owing.

Against Margery Weston, mother and executrix of the will of William Weston: to be cited to pay fees at the next court: fees owing

Against Alice Tayler, relict of Mathew Tayler: pauper: cited.

Against the relict of Thomas Coxe, labourer: cited.

[f.34]

Against Margaret Bull of Nethercote: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

Against John Bull, of the same place: 'for being often and commonly drunk and for negligence in coming to church': excommunicated.

Against William Higgins, of the same place, labourer: fame of incontinence with a certain Elizabeth Saunders, alias Blackslie, of Banbury: fees owing; penance has been ordered; has to certify performance; did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the aforesaid Elizabeth Saunders: same cause: fees owing: similarly as above; did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Richard White: fame of fornication with a certain Ursula Rogers: had to purge with four: did not appear: declared guilty: to be cited to receive penance.

[f.34v]

Against the aforesaid Ursula Rogers: same cause: fees owing: had to do penance: to certify performance: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Margaret, wife of Richard Crosbie, alias Carpenter: 'for tarrying at home on²⁰¹ the afternoon at the time of divine service, and entertaining idle persons in her house upon Sunday, the 18th day of November last past': had been cited: did not appear: excommunicated; excommunication has not gone forth: pauper.

Against Edward Smart: 'for sitting in the house of the said Margaret Crosbie at the same time, idling without any due occasion': citation by ways and means has gone forth: appeared; confessed 'that he was once absent from service according as he is presented': dismissed with a monition to pay the fees: pauper: fees owing.

Against Gideon Crosbey: same cause: had been cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mr Richard Marmian and his wife of Hardwick: 'continual absence' [from church services]: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Whatlie: 'for being many times drunk': dismissed.

[f.35]

Against John Bull of Nethercote: continual absence from church: citation by ways and means issued, by affixing to the door of the church: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Smith, son and occupier of the goods of John Smith, shoemaker, cited by ways and means: did not appear: excommunicated: absolved and monished to appear at the next court: received 9s.

²⁰¹ = 'in' (obs.)

Against [blank],²⁰² occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Allen of Calthorpe, widow, cited: to appear at the next court.

Against [blank], occupier of the goods of Jane Croke, widow:²⁰³ cited: to appear at the next court.

Against Magdalen, relict and occupier of the goods of Mr Robert Bentlie, mercer:²⁰⁴ cited: sought on Thursday last by ways and means for the next court.

Against Dorothy, relict and occupier of the goods of Thomas Helmdon, butcher:²⁰⁵ received 7s.: cited: sought on Thursday last by ways and means for the next court.

[f.35v]

Against John Bull, senior, of Nethercote, 'for being often drunk and swearing': cited: sought as above.

Against William Johnson: for often swearing: received 3s.6d: cited: appeared and confessed: dismissed with a monition.

Against Margaret Heanes, wife of John Heanes: for the same: received 3s.: cited: appeared; denied 'that she hath at any time sworn otherwise than sometimes by her faith and truth to her remembrance, but notwithstanding, she doth submit herself as being guilty according as she is presented': dismissed with a monition and monished to pay the fees before she departs, or to appear at the next court.

Against Thomas Harris: same cause: cited: appeared; confessed: dismissed with a monition: and as to the fees, monished as above: received 3s.6d.

[f.36]

Against John Izard, son and occupier of the goods of Margaret Dixe:²⁰⁶ cited: cited by ways and means for the next court.

Against [blank] Saunders, widow:²⁰⁷ 'for bringing a bastard of her daughter's into the church in divine service to trouble the congregation': cited: sought as above.

Against John Scot: 'for suffering his servants to have beer upon the Sabbath day in February last in the time of divine service': cited: sought as above.

Against William Longe:²⁰⁸ 'for swearing and cursing bitterly on the 14th day of April last': cited: appeared; confessed: dismissed with a monition: monished to pay the fees: received 3s.6d.

[f.36v]

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: 'for being drunk sometimes within the month of September last': cited: appeared and confessed to the detection: dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

²⁰² Helen Smith, dau. of Elizabeth Allen.

²⁰³ Bur. 22 January, 1627/8 (**Kooke**); there is no further reference to this case.

²⁰⁴ Bur. 1 February 1627/8 (**Bently**); will proved in P.C.C. [13 Barrington]; B. Corp., Burgess (1608), Alderman (by 1616), Mayor (1616-7, 1626-7); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.301), pedigree (p.276).

²⁰⁵ Bur. 2 February 1627/8; *W. & I.* 2, No. 299 (**Helmden**); Taster of Victuals (1620-1); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.311).

²⁰⁶ Bur. 3 March 1627/8 (**Dix**).

²⁰⁷ Probably the widow of William S., labourer, who d. 1621 (bur. 12 September) and who had m. Anne Hall, 20 November 1597; a dau., Elizabeth, bap. 28 March 1602.

²⁰⁸ Tithingman (1622-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.314), pedigree (p.275).

Against Richard Crooke, cooper: 'for often swearing': cited: appeared; confessed: 'as for Long':²⁰⁹ received 2s.6d.

Against Richard Singer,²¹⁰ alias Norman: 'for being often drunk and often swearing': cited: appeared: similarly as with Crooke: received 3s.6d.

Against Mr Richard Marmian and his wife: 'continual absence from church': cited by ways and means: [did not appear]: excommunicated.

[f.37]

Against Alice Jurden, widow: 'for frequent absence from the church in the time of divine service': to be sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against Richard Steward: 'for being in an ale house, viz., Lawrence Steward's house, upon a Sabbath day in the time of divine service, being the 27th day of April, 1628': cited: sought as above: appeared and submitted himself: dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

Against Jonathan Nayler: same cause: cited: appeared; confessed: dismissed with a monition.

Against John Longe: 'for loitering at his door on the Sabbath day in the time for divine service, being the 27th April, 1628, and mocking the churchwardens': cited: appeared; denied, 'and he saith that he was present all service time and most part of the sermon on the day mentioned in the presentment, and at the latter end of sermon he departed home, being not well': monished to appear at the next court to see cause why the detection was insufficient: submitted himself: dismissed with a monition.

Against William Cooper: same cause: cited: sought by ways and means for the next court.

[f.37v]

Against Anthony Stevens of Neithrop:²¹¹ 'for being drunk upon Michaelmas day last': cited: sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against Raynold Walsall: 'for being often drunk and swearing': cited on Friday last: [did not appear]: excommunicated.

Against Elizabeth Bradford, administratrix of the goods of Ann Biesbie [or Bieslie]: 'to pass her account': cited: Leonard Bradford, husband of the said administratrix, appeared and accepted for her to perform the order before the next court.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone, administrator of the goods of Matthew Bentlie: 'to pass his account of the said goods': cited on Friday last: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Sarah Borrowes, administratrix of the goods of Joan Borrowes:²¹² 'to pass her account of the said goods': cited on Thursday last by ways and means for the next court.

²⁰⁹ See f.36.

²¹⁰ Richard and Thomas, twin sons of Thomas **Singer**, were bap. 30 November 1589; the baptism of a dau., on 18 August 1594, was recorded as '**Singar** als. **Norman**, Joane d. of Thomas **Singer**'. The reason for the alias is not clear from the B. Regs.

²¹¹ This must be the Anthony **Charles** (als. **Stevens/Stephens**) of ff. 46, 53, 61, 66, 77v and 82.

²¹² Bur. 30 May 1627 (**Barosse**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 283 (**Borrowes**).

[f.38]

Against William Knight:²¹³ fame of fornication with a certain Frances Stanlie of Warkworth:²¹⁴ cited: appeared and confessed that he had carnally known the said Frances and submitted himself: to perform penance in the church of Banbury: then Knight petitioned commutation, or at least mitigation: allowed to do penance before the Minister and [blank left for a few names]²¹⁵ only; and further allowed commutation in the sum of £3: then dismissed.

Against the aforesaid Frances Stanlie: same cause: cited: sought on Thursday last by ways and means for the next court.

Against Thomas Hawse: 'for being divers times drunk and swearing since he was last presented': cited on Thursday last: [did not appear]: excommunicated.

Against Nicholas, son and occupier of the goods of Henry Stoakes:²¹⁶ cited on the same day: [did not appear]: excommunicated.

Against Catherine, relict and occupier of the goods of John Mayo of Wickham:²¹⁷ cited: appeared; administration granted: to extract administration under seal and to exhibit an inventory before the next court: received 2s. in part payment of fees.

[f.38v]

Against Anne, relict and occupier of the goods of James Hull:²¹⁸ cited: appeared; exhibited an inventory: administration granted.

Against Anne, relict and occupier of the goods of Anthony Mayo:²¹⁹ cited: appeared: similarly as for Catherine Mayo.²²⁰

Against [blank]²²¹, occupier of the goods of Nicholas Goodwyn of Overthorpe:²²² cited.

Against [blank], occupier of the goods of Mr Digwillian:²²³ cited: 'Mr Wheatley hath the will and the goods etc.'

Against Mary, relict and occupier of the goods of John Ward, baker:²²⁴ cited: appeared; exhibited an inventory: administration granted: received £1.1s.6d.; 12[s.].6d.

[f.39]

Against Edward Hawten: fame of fornication with Joan Barnes of Little Bourton:²²⁵ cited: 'see Cropredy book etc.'

²¹³ Possibly the 'Wyllyam s. of Wyllyam', whose baptism is recorded on 1 March 1607/8 and burial on 10 May 1672.

²¹⁴ MS. 'Warquoth'.

²¹⁵ Usually the CWs.

²¹⁶ Bur. 12 June 1628; will proved in P.C.C. [33 Ridley].

²¹⁷ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; inv. taken, 21 March 1628/9 (*W. & I.* 2, No. 300).

²¹⁸ Bur. 11 July 1628; *W. & I.* 2, No. 296.

²¹⁹ Bur. 11 July 1628 (*Mayoe*).

²²⁰ See f.38.

²²¹ Dorothy, rel.

²²² Bur. 14 July 1628 (*Goodwin*); *W. & I.* 2, No. 295 (Nickelles *Goddenne*).

²²³ Bur. 23 July 1628 (*Deguillion*, 'phisitian. A Frenchman'); will proved in P.C.C. [98 Barrington].

²²⁴ Bur. 26 August 1628; *W. & I.* 2, No. 297.

²²⁵ MS. 'Bourton parva'.

Against John Turton,²²⁶ John Haynes, Lawrence Blyth, feofees-in-trust named in the will of Bartholomew Naylor:²²⁷ 'they have the will and goods of the said deceased in their custody': Haynes appeared with Blyth and exhibited the will; petitioned approval in the presence of Margery, relict of the said Bartholomew, dissenting and petitioning the will to be proved by witnesses; forthwith the said Haynes and Blyth produced as witnesses Lawrence Blythe and Thomas Deagle: the said Margery ordered to appear: received 8s.

*Alice Walker, daughter and legatee named in the will of Thomas Kinton*²²⁸ *against* John Wyse, executor of the said will: French: Wyse appeared and admitted that he owes to the said Alice £1.10s of the legacy: ordered to pay the same sum to Alice before Easter with expenses: received 2s.

Stephen Walker, son and legatee named in the will of the aforesaid deceased, against the aforesaid John Wyse: similarly as above: received 2s.

[f.39v]

BANBURY: Churchwardens and Sidesmen.

Francis Andrewe (withdrew), John Webb (withdrew), John Hull, churchwarden, sworn, William Calkett, sworn, Goodridge Wilson, sworn: they appeared: 2 or 3 were asked to take oath; Andrewes and Webbe refused; Edward Russell, sworn, Edward Weston (withdrew), Edward Langham (withdrew), John Yates, sidesman (withdrew), John Kymbell, sworn, John Banister (withdrew).

10th November, 1628.

'Lawrence Blithe of Banbury, cutler, aged 34 years or thereabouts, sworn, sayeth that this will now showed unto him was declared and made by Bartholomew Naylor of Banbury, deceased, at the house of John Turton in Banbury about a week before Midsummer last, he being then in perfect memory, Thomas Deagle being then present, who did put in writing the said will, which was then distinctly read all over unto the said Naylor, who did thereupon approve thereof and did set thereunto his hand or mark in two letters, B and N. And he well remembereth that in and by the said will there was no more given by him unto Margery, his wife, but five shillings and a ruff band, to the poor, four shillings, all the knives and sheaths which he had to John Turton, John Heynes and Lawrence Blythe, and all the rest to the children of Jonathan Naylor, as in his said will is particularly expressed.

Repeated [or claimed]:²²⁹ Lawrence Blyth.'

²²⁶ Tithingman (1614-5), Constable (1620-1, 1621-2); B. Corp., Burgess (1628), Alderman (1632-6), Bridgmaster (1633-5), Mayor (1636 - death in office); refused to pay Forced Loan, 1627; *B.C.R.* for biography (p.324), pedigree (p.274).

²²⁷ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; inv. taken, 9 April 1628 (*W.& I.* 2, No. 294); Tithingman (1591-2), Constable (1602-3); B. Corp., Assistant (1608); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.316).

²²⁸ Bur. 4 August 1618; the will (*W.& I.* 1, No. 203) suggests that Alice and Stephen were grand-dau. and grand-son of Thomas K., children of Thomas's dau., Mary; according to the will, Mary had, at that time (30 July 1618), six children, who were each to receive £9 when the boys reached the age of 21, the girls 18.

²²⁹ MS. 'repetitus' = 'repeated', or, in classical legal language, = 'claimed'.

'Thomas Deagle of Banbury, ironmonger, aged 19 years and a half, sworn, saith that Bartholomew Naylor articulate did make this will whereupon he is now examined about the 16th day of June, 1628, in the shop of John Turton in Banbury, he the said Naylor being then in perfect mind and memory which he knoweth, he this deponent did then put the same in writing from his mouth, Lawrence Blith before examined being then present.

Repeated [or claimed]: Thomas Deagle.'

[f.40]

*Horley and Hornton: at the place and time and before the Judge aforesaid.*²³⁰

Against William Watton of Horley: 'abusing Mr Clarkson, his minister': appeared; denied: ordered to appear to pay the fees or be excommunicated.

Against Frances Kench of Horley: same cause: to be sought.

Against aforesaid Frances Kench, relict and temerarious occupier²³¹ of the goods of William Kench:²³² presented to bring the fees, vizt., £1.3s.6d.: appeared [concerning the proving of the will *s.t.*]: administration granted: to be cited to render the account.

Against [blank]²³³ temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Goodwin²³⁴ of the same place: to be sought.

[f.40v]

Against Martha Denny of Hornton, daughter of Henry Denny: 'bastardy': to be sought.

Against [blank] temerarious occupier of the goods of James Byrd, pauper, of Hornton: similarly as above.

Against Alice Carter, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of John Carter, of the same place: appeared; exhibited an inventory: administration granted: received £1.3s.8d. and 3s.

Against [blank]²³⁵ temerarious occupier of the goods of William Wackton²³⁶ of the same place: similarly as above.

[f.41]

Against [blank]²³⁷ temerarious occupier of the goods of Robert Carter of the same place: to be sought.

Against Wiliam Wackton, alias Watton of Horley and Margaret his wife: incontinence before marriage: penance did not go forth.

Against the same William Wackton of Horley: fame of begetting Alice Denzy with child: had to purge with four others: appeared; brought no compurgators: penance.

²³⁰ MS. 'Loco et tempore et coram Iudice predicto.'

²³¹ MS. 'temerarius occupator bonorum'; a 'temerarious occupier' is one who is alleged to have 'unlawfully possessed himself of the goods of a deceased' (See Burn, 4, pp. 391-3, 'Temerary administration' quoting from H. Conset, *Practice of the Ecclesiastical Courts*, pt. 6, ch. 9).

²³² Bur. 28 August 1628.

²³³ Mary G., rel. (see f. 49).

²³⁴ Bur. 1 July 1628.

²³⁵ William Watton/Wackton, jun.

²³⁶ Apparitor in 1616 (Peyton, p.234).

²³⁷ John Carter and Alice, his wife.

[f.41v]

Licences of marriage: to be cited: Feild and Hawten,²³⁸ Hickes and Mister,²³⁹ Roeright and Clerke:²⁴⁰ received £1.10s.

10 November 1628²⁴¹

'John Haynes of Banbury, cordwainer, sworn, saith that, on or about the 26th day of June last, the articulate Bartholomew Naylor of Banbury did send for him, this deponent, to come unto him at his house in Banbury; and this examine being come unto him, the said Naylor, being then sick in bed of the sickness whereof he died, did acknowledge unto him, this deponent, that he had made his last will and that he had given to the poor of Banbury 5s. and to his wife but 5s and his best ruff, there being that distance between them that they had lived apart for many years to this examine's certain knowledge; and the said Naylor did then earnestly request this examine, telling him that he named him to be one of his overseers, to be careful in seeing the goods which he gave by [the] said will to the children of his son Jonathan Naylor to be thriftily disposed for their best profit and commodity.

Repeated [or claimed] John Haynes.'

[f.42]

HORLEY: Churchwardens: John Kench, Richard Pratt: sworn: 1s.

HORNTON: Churchwardens: Thomas Hickes, Timothy Fox: sworn: 1s.

Received 1s. 'for these presentments which he hath for his fee for Churchwardens'.

[f.42v] [Blank]

[f.43]

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, Monday, 23rd March, 1628/9, between 9 and 12 a.m., before the discreet man Mr William Wheatley, clerk, Vicar of Banbury substitute of the venerable man Mr Giles Swett, Commissary etc., in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Eleanor Ragge: fame of incontinence: remains excommunicated.

Henry Fitch of Salford against Mr Thomas Hallhead: a cause of legacy: Merricke, Horne, French: sentence assigned for the next court and for information in the meantime.

Against Mr William Sprigge: 'presented for a cessment towards the reparations of the church at Drayton': cited in Banbury: appeared; exhibited a certificate of the churchwardens of Drayton that the tax had been received.

Judith Pittam against Isabel Williamson: remains excommunicated and signified: 6th May, 1629, appeared Judith Pittam and alleged this cause to be finally transacted and consented that Williamson be absolved from excommunication: the Judge decreed Williamson absolved.

²³⁸ William Feild and Priscilla Hawten m. Horley, 26 July 1628. See fn. 191, C. & C. vol. 6, no. 5.

²³⁹ No entry in Horley or B. Mar. Regs. Engagements were sometimes broken off, so a marriage did not invariably follow the issue of a licence; nor did the marriage always take place in the church named in the licence. The Horley Reg. does record the mar. of William Mister and Elizabeth Lydyat on 26 October 1629.

²⁴⁰ Edmund Rowleright and Frideswid Clarke m. Horley, 28 August 1628.

²⁴¹ See f.39v.

[f.43v]

Against Samuel Such and Anne his wife: clandestine marriage and incontinence before marriage: excommunicated.

Against William Cooper: remains excommunicated.

Against Helen Smith, relict and occupier of the goods of Michael Smith of Calthorpe: excommunicated.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: not receiving the communion: excommunicated.

Against Mary Bentlie: same cause: excommunicated.

Against the same: incontinence with Edmund Smalebone: excommunicated: fees owing.

[f.44]

Against John Easie: same cause:²⁴² excommunicated.

Judith Pittam against Anne Daweks[sic], alias Such: French: at the petition of French sentence to be assigned.

Against Roger Tattam: being often drunk: excommunicated.

Against Margery Weston, mother and executrix of the will of William Weston: cited: [did not appear]: excommunicated.

Against Alice Taylor, relict and occupier of the goods of Mathew Taylor: cited.

Against [blank]²⁴³ Cox, relict and occupier of the goods of Thomas Cox: cited.

[f.44v]

Against Margaret Bull of Nethercote: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

Against John Bull of the same: 'often and commonly drunk and for his negligence in coming to church': excommunicated.

Against William Higgins of the same: fame of incontinence with a certain Elizabeth Saunders, alias Blackslie: excommunicated.

Against Elizabeth Saunders: for same cause: excommunicated.

Against Richard White: fame of incontinence with a certain Ursula Rogers: penance: pauper.

Against aforesaid Ursula Rogers: same cause: excommunicated.

[f.45]

Against Edward Smart: 'for sitting in the house of Margaret Crosbie upon Sunday the 18th day of November in the time of divine service': appeared: dismissed with a monition: fees owing: pauper.

Against Gideon Crosbie: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Mr Richard Marmian and his wife of Hardwick: 'for continual absence from church': excommunication has not gone forth.

[*Against* John Whatlie: 'for being many times drunk': sought. *s.t.*].

Against John Bull of Nethercote: excommunicated.

Against John Smith, son and occupier of the goods of John Smith: sought: appeared; exhibited an inventory: administration granted.

²⁴² i.e. not receiving the communion.

²⁴³ Anne, who, as Anne **Written**, m. Thomas C., 8 October 1586.

[f.45v]

Against Helen Smith, daughter and occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Allen of Calthorpe: cited: appeared; answered 'that the said Elizabeth, being her own mother was kept at her, this examine's, charge and her son Thomas Allen's and left no goods at her death but her apparel, which were little or nothing worth; but Mary Cotrell, the deceased's grandchild, having a bed and some other goods given by the deceased in her lifetime by deed of gift, did afterwards carry the same away to London, where she now dwelleth': ordered to make an inventory.

Against Magdalen, relict and occupier of the goods of Mr Robert Bentlie, mercer: sought: Mr Knight appeared; exhibited the will proved in the Prerogative Court and also an inventory by which it appears he had *bona notabilia*²⁴⁴ outside of this jurisdiction at the time of his death.

Against John Bull, senior, of Nethercote: 'for being often drunk and swearing': sought: excommunicated.

Against John Izard, son and occupier of the goods of Margaret Dixe: sought: appeared; showed a gift; in writing 'of a messuage house and tenement with the appurtenances situate in Banbury, held by lease from [*an illegible word s.t.*], furniture, one cupboard, six tables, one malt mill, also two standing bedsteads, two feather beds, with their furniture, and all her brass and pewter, three chests and all her linen and wearing except her wearing apparel, he, this examine, living then in [the] house with her, and he saith that two years after, she died': ordered to pay the fees otherwise to appear at the next court.

Against [blank] Saunders, widow: 'for bringing a bastard of her daughter's into the church in the time of divine service to trouble the congregation':²⁴⁵ sought.

[f.46]

Against John Scott: 'for suffering his servants to tun²⁴⁶ beer upon a Sabbath day in February last in the time of divine service in the afternoon': sought: appeared; admitted 'that his servants did offend, as is presented': dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

Against Mr Richard Marmian and his wife of Hardwick: continual absence from church: excommunication did not go forth.

Against Alice Jurden, widow: 'for frequent absence from church in the time of divine service': sought: appeared: dismissed with a monition: 'in debt'.

Against William Cooper: 'for loitering at his door on the Sabbath day in the time of divine service, 27th April, 1628, and mocking the churchwardens': appeared; admitted: dismissed with a monition: pauper.

Against Anthony Charles, alias Stevens, of Neithrop: 'for being drunk upon Michaelmas Day last': sought: appeared; admitted: to confess before the Minister and churchwardens: fees owing.

²⁴⁴ = 'notable goods': if the deceased had *bona notabilia*, i.e. goods and chattels to the value of £5 or more 'in some other Diocese or Dioceses, or peculiar Jurisdiction within that Province than in that wherein he died', to save the expense of separate probates, the will was proved in the Prerogative Court of the province [P.C.C. 13 Barrington] (1603 Canons 92 and 93 refer).

²⁴⁵ 'William s. of Elizabeth, a bastard', bap. 25 December 1627.

²⁴⁶ = to put into a tun, a cask holding 216 gallons of ale.

[f.46v]

Against Raynold Walsall: 'for being often drunk and swearing': excommunicated.

Against Elizabeth Bradford, administratrix of the goods of Anne Busbey: 'to pass her account': cited: Leonard Bradford, husband and surety, was cited: appeared: ordered to account: received 6s. in part.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone, administrator of the goods of Mathew Bentlie: 'to pass his account of the said goods': excommunicated: received 20s. in part.

Against Sarah Barrowes, administratrix of the goods of Joan Barrowes: 'to pass her account': John Walmesley,²⁴⁷ surety, appeared: to appear at the next court.

Against Frances Stanlie: incontinence with a certain William Knight: sought.

[f.47]

Against Thomas Hawes: 'for being divers times drunk and swearing since he was last presented': excommunicated.

Against Nicholas, son and occupier of the goods of Henry Stoakes: excommunicated.

Against Catherine, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Mayo of Wickham: 'to exhibit an inventory and to take forth the administration under seal': had been sought: appeared; exhibited an inventory for Mr Clar[k]son, clerk, substitute: received 5s.

Against Anne, relict and administratrix of the goods of Anthony Mayo: similarly as for Catherine Mayo: cited: appeared; answered 'that her said husband left no goods at his death besides the clothes which she sold for 15s., which money she hath paid towards the discharge of his death'.

Against Dorothy, relict, temerarious occupier of the goods of Nicholas Goddyn of Overthorpe: cited: appeared; exhibited the will and an inventory: will proved: received 8s.

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of Mr Degwilion: cited: will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury through Mr Wheatley, Vicar of Banbury, executor.

[f.47v]

Against Mary, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Ward: 'to pass his account': cited: appeared: to exhibit the account at the next court: received 4s. in part.

[*Against* Edward Hawten: fame of incontinence with Joan Barnes of Bourton: cited: s.t.] See Cropredy book.

Against John Turton, John Haynes and Lawrence Blyth, named in the will of Bartholomew Nayler: cited: let Jonathan Nayler be cited for the next court in the afternoon.

Alice Walker, daughter and legatee in the will of Thomas Kinton against John Wyse, executor of the will: French: Wyse ordered to pay the legacy petitioned before Easter next.

Stephen Walker, son and legatee of the will aforesaid against John Wyse, executor: French: similarly as above.

²⁴⁷ 1590-1662: Taster of Victuals (1621-3, 1626-7, 1631-2, 1646-7); B.C.R. for biography (p.325); CWs. reported, 15 March 1620/1, that he had been presented for sitting at communion (Peyton, p.215).

[f.48]

Mr Francis Andrew and John Webbe, churchwardens of Banbury: to take the oath: excommunicated.

Edward Weston, Edward Langham and John Yates, sidesmen of Banbury: excommunicated.

Mr Richard Vivers,²⁴⁸ *farmer of part of the tithes pertaining to the Rectory of Banbury, against Susan Rose of the same; a matter of tithes: agreement reached between them.*²⁴⁹

Against Roger Ireland and Dorothy his pretended wife: Roger has been sought: Dorothy appeared before Mr Clarkson; answered 'that about a week before Whitsuntide last she was married to the said Roger Ireland at St. Giles church by licence, as she thinks, granted by the ecclesiastical Judge of that place, and at that time she was dwelling here in Banbury and the said Roger Ireland at Reading, in the county of Berks.; and she saith there were present at their said marriage Robert Hathaway, Avery [*surname indecipherable through rubbing*]²⁵⁰, and Joan his wife of this town of Banbury and none other of this jurisdiction, nor of Reading': Dorothy excommunicated: fees owing.

[Against Thomas Lovell: cited: excommunicated *s.t.*].

Against John Webbe of Calthorpe and Anne his wife: to be sought.

[f.48v]

William Hollyhead,²⁵¹ licensed to teach: to exercise the office of schoolmaster within the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury and Cropredy, 'provided that he is not to exercise that office within Banbury to the prejudice of William Hart, the now schoolmaster of the free school': received 5s.6d.

'I received of Mr Wheatley for four licences of marriages, 40s.'

6th May, 1629, before Mr Sweit, Commissary.

ODc. Thomas Lovell: incontinence with Anne Gregory, now wife of John Webbe:²⁵² appeared; objected to him 'that it is commonly and credibly reported within the parish of Banbury and other parishes and places thereto adjoining that he hath had the carnal knowledge of the body of the foresaid Anne, and that he is the father of the child, whereof she was lately delivered'; he admitted 'that about a twelve month past, and since, he hath had carnal copulation with the said Anne at the house of Mistress Hawten, widow, in Calthorpe, within the parish of Banbury aforesaid, this examine

²⁴⁸ Constable (1601-2, 1602-3), Overseer of the Poor (1612-3); B. Corp., Burgess (by 1615), Alderman (by 1621), Mayor (1621-2, 1633-4; elected for 1643-4, but d. before taking office, bur. 29 September 1643), Bridgemaster (1627-8); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.324), pedigrees (pp. 271, 275). He had obtained a lease of the estate of B. prebend or rectory from William, Viscount Saye and Sele, in late 1620s, so derived income from tithes.

²⁴⁹ MS. 'pax'.

²⁵⁰ Probably Avery Hall.

²⁵¹ William Halhead, son of Henry H. of B.; Corpus Christi College, Oxford, matriculated 26 November 1624, aged 17 (Foster).

²⁵² Anne G. m. John W., 1 October 1628. See J.S.W. Gibson, 'A Disputed Inheritance' [the will of John W.], *C. & C.*, vol. 6, no. 5 (Spring 1976), pp. 83-87. This matter makes it understandable that John Webb left his estate to a daughter of the Hawtyns rather than to his family.

and the said Anne being then servants in that house to the said Mistress Hawten; but he doth not believe that he did beget the said child whereof she, the said Anne, was delivered, and that he saith that he only is reputed to have begotten that child, neither hath he heard of any other to be suspected therof': penance; then Thomas Lovell alleged 'that if he should perform this penance, thus enjoined unto him, the same would be a great disparagement unto him in respect for preferment in marriage and, in all likelihood, an occasion of his loss of his present service and also of his friends' goodwill and inclination towards his future preferment, and he humbly desired that, for these respects, the Judge would be pleased to deal gently and tenderly with him and to accept for a commutation of his said penance the sum of three pounds': commutation allowed: dismissed.

[f.49]

Horley and Hornton, 23rd March, 1628. At Banbury between 9 and 12 a.m. before the same Judge.

ODc. William Watton of Horley: 'for abusing Mr Clarkson, his minister': cited: sought: appeared; Mr Clar[k]son produced as witnesses John Palmer and Matthew Skarlett; Watton submitted himself: dismissed: received 6s. in part; 'de 1s.3d; 2s.3d.'²⁵³

Against Frances Kench of the same: same cause: sought: appeared; submitted herself: dismissed: received 3s.6d.

Against aforesaid Frances Kench, relict and administratrix of the goods of William Kench: 'to pass her account': sought: appeared: to exhibit the account: received for administration, £1.3s.6d.

Against Mary, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Goodwyn of the same place: cited: appeared Mr William Sprigg and exhibited the will proved in the Prerogative Court: received 12s.6d.

[f.49v]

Against Martha Denny of Hornton, daughter of Henry Denny of the same: bastardy: sought: [did not appear]: excommunicated.

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of James Byrd of Hornton: sought.

Against Alice Carter, widow and administratrix of the goods of John Carter of the same: to render account: cited.

[*Against* William, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of William Watton of the same place *s.t.*]: cited: appeared.²⁵⁴

Against John Carter and Alice, relict and temerarious occupiers of the goods of Robert Carter of the same place: sought: Alice appeared; replied 'that the said Robert Carter was for many years before his death kept by his son, this examine's husband, and that the said Robert had not at his death any goods at all, besides his clothes, which he delivered upon his deathbed to his own daughter Elizabeth, now the wife of Nicholas Clerke of Long Compton, and they were then carried away by her': received 1s.

²⁵³ These two sums are difficult to interpret.

²⁵⁴ The deletion is applied to the charge only, but the whole entry was probably meant to have been included.

[f.50]

Against William Watton of Horley and Margaret his wife: incontinence before marriage: penance has not gone forth: appeared: ordered to take out the schedule of penance: appeared and took out the same.

Against the same William Watton: fame of begetting Alice Denzey with child.²⁵⁵ had been cited to receive penance: appeared and received his schedule.

*Before Mr Wheatley, substitute [of Mr Sweit] on the same day
at the inn called the sign of the Swan.*²⁵⁶

Against William Kench, temerarious occupier of the goods of Anne Kench of Horley:²⁵⁷ appeared Richard Gilkes,²⁵⁸ aged 13 or thereabouts, next-of-kin of the departed: petitioned for Mr Clar[k]son, clerk, Vicar of Horley, to be his guardian: Clar[k]son accepted: administration granted and to exhibit an inventory, and an account.

'I received of Mr Clar[k]son for two licences of marriage, £1.'

[f.50v]

Mr Clar[k]son against William Watton: John Palmer of Bloxham, husbandman, aged 24, deposed 'that at Christmas last was twelvemonth he, this deponent, being then Mr Clar[k]son's servant, the said Watton and this examinee, coming from Cropredy to Hanwell and talking of Alice Densy being then great with child unlawfully begotten or lying in, the said Watton did then say unto him that his master, speaking of the said Mr Clar[k]son, did help him to maintain the said Alice, and that he was very likely to be the father of her child, or to that purpose'.

'Mathew Skarlett of Horley, husbandman of the age of fifty years, saith that he and the said Watton, being abroad in the fields of Horley together, the said Watton did take occasion to speak of Alice Denzy, who was then great with or delivered of a bastard child, and did say Roland Bull begot his maid with child and hired another to father it, and so might your master do for ought I know, meaning the said Mr Clar[k]son, being then this examinee's master, or to this effect; which words were so spoken about Christmas last was twelvemonth'.

[f.51]

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury in the Visitation held on Wednesday, 29th July, 1629, between 3 and 5 p.m., before the venerable man Giles Sweit, M.A., Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Eleanor Ragge: remains excommunicated.

Henry Fitch of Salford against Mr Thomas Halhead: Merricke; Horne; French: at the petition of French the Judge promulgated sentence by him (i.e. French) offered, Horne protesting nullity etc.: received, 14s.4d.

²⁵⁵ Joanna, illegitimate dau. of William Watton and Alice Densby, bap. 2 December 1627.

²⁵⁶ The earliest reference to the 'Swan' is in 1556 (Beesley, p.504). In the first half of the seventeenth century the innkeeper was William Heynes (C.F.C. Beeson, 'Seventeenth Century Innkeepers in Banbury', *C. & C.*, Vol. 1, No. 9 (1961/62), p.124).

²⁵⁷ Bur. 27 February 1628/9.

²⁵⁸ Son of Giles Gilkes, bap. 13 August 1615.

Judith Pittham against Isabel Williamson: agreement reached between the parties: Williamson absolved: fees owing.

The same Judith against Anne Such, alias Daux: defamation: Merrick: Anne to appear at the next court to receive sentence.

Against Samuel Such and Anne, his wife: clandestine marriage and incontinence before marriage: excommunicated.

[f.51v]

Against William Cooper: remains excommunicated.

Against Helen, alias Eleanor, Smith, relict and occupier of the goods of Michael Smith of Calthorpe: excommunicated.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: not communicating: excommunicated.

Against Mary Bentlie: same cause: excommunicated.

Against the same: incontinence with Edmund Smalebone: excommunicated.

Against John Easie: not communicating: excommunicated.

[Judith Pittham against Anne Dawkes, alias Such: French to receive sentence at the petition of French, s.t.]²⁵⁹

[f.52]

Against Roger Tattam: 'for being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against Margery Weston, mother and executrix of the will of William Weston, junior: excommunicated.

Against Margaret Bull of Nethercote: incontinence with a certain unknown one: excommunicated.

Against John Bull of the same: 'for being often commonly drunk and for his negligence in coming to church': excommunicated.

Against William Higgins of the same, labourer: incontinence with a certain Elizabeth Saunders, alias Blackslie: excommunicated.

Against aforesaid Elizabeth Saunders: excommunicated.

[f.52v]

Against Richard White: fame of incontinence with a certain Ursula Rogers: penance.

Against aforesaid Ursula Rogers: same cause: excommunicated.

Against [Edward Smart s.t.]: 'for sitting in the house of Margaret Crosbie upon Sunday, 18th day of November, in the time of divine service': [cited s.t.]:²⁶⁰ dismissed at the last court: fees owing.

Against Gideon Crosbie: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Mr Richard Marmion and his wife of Hardwick: continual absence from church: excommunication has not gone forth.

Against John Bull of Nethercote: excommunicated.

Against Helen, alias Eleanor, Smith, daughter and occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Allen of Calthorpe: had been ordered to pay fees: did not appear: excommunicated: fees owing.

²⁵⁹ See f.51.

²⁶⁰ No doubt the clerk intended to delete the whole entry.

[f.53]

Against John Bull of Nethercote: 'for being often drunk and for swearing': excommunication has not gone forth.

Against John Izard, son and occupier of the goods of Margaret Dixe: cited: to be sought: fees owing.

Against [blank] Saunders: 'for bringing a bastard child of her daughter's into the church in time of divine service to trouble the congregation': excommunicated: pauper.

Against Anthony Charles, alias Stevens: 'for being drunk at Michaelmas day last': had been ordered to certify performance of penance: did not appear: excommunicated: [added later:] the churchwardens certify that penance has been performed: fees owing.

Against Raynold Walsall: 'for being often drunk and swearing': excommunicated.

Against Elizabeth Bradford, administratrix of the goods of Anne Busbie: had been ordered to exhibit an account: did not appear: excommunicated: fees owing: 'paid to C.H. 3s.²⁶¹

[f.53v]

Against Sarah Barrowes, administratrix of the goods of Joan Barrowes: to render account: excommunicated.

Against Frances Stanlie: incontinence with Mr William Knight: excommunication did not go forth.

Against Thomas Hawes: 'for being divers times drunk and swearing since he was last presented': excommunicated.

Against Nicholas, son and occupier of the goods of Henry Stoakes: excommunicated.

Against the same: clandestine marriage: [no entry].

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of Mr Deigwilan: will proved through Mr Wheatley, executor, in the Prerogative Court: fees owing.

Against Mary, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Ward: to render an account: had been ordered to appear this day to exhibit an account: fees owing: 'to C.H. £1.5s.'

Against John Turton, John Haynes and Lawrence Blyth named in the will of Bartholomew Nayler: citation against Jonathan Nayler.

[f.54]

Alice Walker, daughter and legatee in the will of Thomas Kinton against John Wise, executor of the will: French: Wise had been ordered to pay the legacy before Easter or to appear this day: did not appear: at the petition of French, proctor, excommunicated: fees owing.

John Walker, son and legatee of the will of the aforesaid departed and executor: French: similarly as above: fees owing.

²⁶¹ Christopher Horne, proctor; witness to testamentary bonds (*W. & I.* 2, Nos. 287, 298, 300, 302, 308, 310, 328); also referred to as 'C.H.' in ff. 53v, 54v, 70, 71, 72v, 79v, 83.

Against [Roger Ireland and Dorothy his wife married outside of the jurisdiction *s.t.*]: excommunication against Dorothy did not go forth: Roger Ireland sought: did not appear: excommunicated: dismissed: received 7s.

Against [Robert Hathaway *s.t.*]: cited: dismissed.

Against Avery Hall²⁶² and [blank] his wife: sought: the wife cited this day at dawn: neither appeared: excommunicated.

Against John Webb of Calthorpe and Anne his wife: to be sought.

[f.54v]

Against Arthur Beard, occupier of the goods of Thomas Beard:²⁶³ cited: appeared; alleged 'that the said Beard at the time of his life and death was living at Buckingham and was not in this town above a week before he died, and being then come hither to his surgeon.'

Against Elizabeth, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Henry Hartlett,²⁶⁴ widow: cited: appeared [in the house of the Judge or, of an inn]²⁶⁵ and exhibited the will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury by the said Elizabeth, and she also exhibited an inventory by which it appeared that at the time of his death the departed had *bona notabilia* outside of this jurisdiction: received 2s.6d.

Against Isabel, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Williamson:²⁶⁶ sought: appeared; exhibited an inventory: no will having been made, administration granted: 'to C.H., 7s.'

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of John Heele:²⁶⁷ sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of Calkett Baker,²⁶⁸ widow: cited: 'she hath a husband living at Gloucester'.

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of Edward Walker:²⁶⁹ cited: to be sought.

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of John Hall of Nethercote:²⁷⁰ cited: sought: will proved: received 5s.

[f.55]

Against Anne Wise,²⁷¹ daughter of Simon Wise: incontinence with one unknown: sought at Calthorpe: to be sought.

²⁶² Presented by the CWs., 17 June 1619, as a 'great swearer' (Peyton, p.213).

²⁶³ Bur. 27 September 1628 (Beards).

²⁶⁴ Bur. 4 May 1629, 'graziar'; will proved in P.C.C. [64 Ridley, as Hartley, 'yeoman'].

²⁶⁵ MS. 'in hospitio', with no other word.

²⁶⁶ Bur. 6 November 1628; *W. & I.* 2, No. 298.

²⁶⁷ Bur. 22 December 1628.

²⁶⁸ Bur. 22 December 1628 (Collett B.).

²⁶⁹ Bur. 8 April 1629; *W. & I.* 2, No. 301; Tollgatherer for the Beast Market (1612-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.325). He had been presented by the CWs., 1609, 'for a fame of Incontinency with Elizabeth Gulliver a sarvannt to Thomas Kimbell'; was required to purge himself (Peyton, p.203).

²⁷⁰ Bur. 4 May 1629; *W. & I.* 2, No. 303.

²⁷¹ 'Anne Wise dau. of Symon of Calthorp', bap. 4 September 1597.

Against Richard Crosbie: incontinence with a certain [blank]²⁷² Drinkwatter: cited: sought: to be sought.

Against aforesaid [blank] Drinkwatter: same cause: cited: sought: to be sought.

Against Margaret Bull of Grimsbury: 'for having a bastard': sought: to be sought.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: 'for being drunken since the last court':²⁷³ cited: did not appear: [excommunicated, s.t.],²⁷⁴ then 30th July, 1629, before Mr Sweit, appeared and admitted the detection to be justified: dismissed.

[f.55v]

Against George Pedley: 'for being oftentimes drunken': cited: sought: appeared; admitted: to confess before the Minister and churchwardens and sidesmen and to pay the fees or to appear at the next court between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m.: citation went forth.

Against Mr Edward Tayler: 'for swearing by the name of God': [no entry].

Against John Whatlie: 'for swearing vainly and being drunken the 14th day of April last': cited: [no entry].

Against Thomas Ell, innholder: 'for common swearing': cited: appeared; denied: to purge with four others: then admitted the detection: to confess: pauper: received 3s.6d.

Against Hiram Kench: 'for being drunken twice at the least': cited: sought.

Against Benjamin Sherwood: 'for being very often drunk': sought.

[f.56]

Against Robert Vadall: 'for being drunk one day since the last court': cited: appeared; admitted 'with protestation that it is not usual with him to be so overtaken with drink': dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

Against Raynold Walsall, butcher: 'for swearing often': cited: sought.

Against Richard Singer, alias Norman: 'for being drunk since the last court': cited: sought: appeared; admitted: penance and monished to pay the fees: received 3s.6d.

Against John Middleton, butcher: 'for swearing often': cited: sought: appeared; admitted: to confess before the Minster and churchwardens and sidesmen: fees remitted: pauper.

Against Philip Sharpp: same cause: cited: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Dreed: same cause: cited: did not appear: penalty postponed: received 3s.6d.

[f.56v]

Against James Rickett: 'for being drunk one day since the last court': appeared; admitted: dismissed with a monition: received 3s.

Against John Kimble: 'for being drunk once': appeared; admitted: dismissed with a monition.

Against Richard Jenson: swearing: appeared; admitted: to confess and monished to pay fees: received 9s.

Against Titus Buckingham: 'for being drunk once since the last court': appeared; denied: to purge with four others.

²⁷² Marian.

²⁷³ i.e. on an occasion - not an unbroken state of inebriation!

²⁷⁴ Deleted after the statement following it was written.

Against Richard Reyley: 'for often swearing': appeared; denied: to purge:²⁷⁵ then appeared and admitted: to confess: received 1s.6d.

Against Henry Guye: 'for being often drunk': sought for the next court.

[f.57]

Against William Graves: 'for being oftentimes drunk': appeared; admitted: to confess.

Against Roger Tatham: 'for being again drunk since the last court': appeared; admitted: to confess: pauper.

Against Richard Grundey: 'for absenting himself from divine service upon the Sabbath day last was a fortnight, drinking then in company with others': sought for the next court.

Against [blank]²⁷⁶ wife of the said Grundee: same cause: sought.

Against William Jarvayce:²⁷⁷ same cause: sought for the next court.

[f.57v]

Against John Overbury: same cause: appeared; denied: to purge with four others.

Against Passover Hartlett: same cause: appeared; answered 'that he ought not to be questioned in the court concerning the matter presented and otherwise he refuseth to answer': excommunicated.

Against William Taylor: same cause: appeared; admitted 'that John Overbury and Passover Hartlett were then in company with him': to confess.

Against Alice Jurden 'presented for continual absenting herself from church though all the week she goeth up and down the town': appeared: dismissed with a monition. [Charge s.t.].

Against [John Bentlie, shoemaker: 'for absenting himself from church in time of divine service about Michaelmas last on the Sabbath day' s.t.]: appeared Mr Udall in the name of John Bentlie: alleged 'that he, the said John Bentley, absented himself from church by reason of his being in danger of arrest and not for any other cause, and he desireth that he may be dismissed':²⁷⁸ received 2s.

[f.58]

Against Fulk Blincowe: 'for absenting himself from divine service upon the Sabbath day was a fortnight': sought.

Against [blank]²⁷⁹ Stilles: 'for grinding constantly on the Sabbath days': workers to be cited.

Against John [Butler], servant of Thomas Dutton of Wickham: 'for grievous swearing by the name of God': sought.

Against John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Barrowes, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Barrowes: was monished to appear this day.

Against Anne Walmesley, relict:²⁸⁰ [no entry]: received 2s.

²⁷⁵ Number of compurgators not given.

²⁷⁶ Catherine.

²⁷⁷ He had been presented by the CWs, 9 September 1619, 'for swearing, & blaspheminge the holic name of god' (Peyton, p.214).

²⁷⁸ As the cause was deleted and the fees paid, his request was probably granted.

²⁷⁹ William.

²⁸⁰ Widow of 'John Wamsly the elder, fuller', bur. 15 May 1629; *W. & I.* 2, No. 302.

[f.58v]

BANBURY Churchwardens and Sidesmen.

Churchwardens: Francis Andrewes, John Webbe, John Hall, William Calcott - all sworn. Goodridge Wilson excommunicated.

Sidesmen: Edward Russell: the Judge ordered him to withdraw before the dissolution of the court: excommunicated; Edward Weston, Edward Langham, John Yates, John Kimble - all sworn; John Banister excommunicated.

Mr Vivers against John Hall: in a cause of tithe: agreement reached between the parties:²⁸¹ received 3s.6d.

Mr Vivers against Richard Redman:²⁸² in a cause of tithe: [no entry]: received 2s.6d.: pauper.

Received of Mr Wheatley since the last court: the fee of one licence, 10s.

[f.59]

Received of Mr Webbe²⁸³ for the copies:²⁸⁴ 10s.6d. [*Rest of folio blank*].

[f.59v]

Visitation, 13th April, 1630

'Before the venerable man Mr Sweitt, Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of me, Humphrey Jones, Nótary Public.'

Churchwardens for the town: Ralph Drope,²⁸⁵ sworn; Aholyab West,²⁸⁶ George Phillips,²⁸⁷ sworn 9th April, 1630, Richard Southam,²⁸⁸ John Banister, sworn.

Sidesmen: John Terry,²⁸⁹ Richard Hollyhead,²⁹⁰ William Hawkins,²⁹¹

²⁸¹ MS. 'Concordat est inter partes'.

²⁸² Richard R., yeoman of Calthorpe, was 75 years old in 1629; he was 102 in 1657 (*B.C.R.*, p.197), and would appear to have lived on until 1665 (bur. 4 February)!

²⁸³ CW.

²⁸⁴ Each year, at the Easter visitation, the CW. was required to produce a copy of all the entries in the parish register for the past year; these were known as 'register bills', or 'bishop's transcripts'. However, the 10s.6d. is a problem, as the normal fee for one year would not be more than 6d. Alternatively, the reference may be to copies of evidence in a case made available to proctors.

²⁸⁵ Tithingman (1621-2, 1622-3), Constable (1625-6, 1626-7); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.305).

²⁸⁶ 1603-1659: Tithingman (1624-5, 1625-6), Constable (1626-7, 1627-8); B. Corp., Burgess (by 1637), Overseer of the Poor (1638-9), Bridgemaster (1639-41, 1650-2), Alderman (by 1643-59), Mayor (1644-6, 1655-6); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.326), pedigree (p.276). See also C. & C., vol. 7, no. 2 (Spring 1977), pp. 35-48, J.S.W. Gibson, 'Trouble over Sheep Pens'.

²⁸⁷ Tithingman (1625-6, 1626-7), Constable (1627-8, 1628-9); B. Corp., Burgess (1637-43), Bridgemaster (1641-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.318). 26 March 1628, Phillips' petition against the conduct of soldiers billeted on B, as punishment for opposition to payment of Forced Loan, came before House of Lords (Blankenfeld, pp. 222-35).

²⁸⁸ Of Neithrop.

²⁸⁹ Son-in-law of William Knight: Tithingman (1627-8, ?1628-9); imprisoned for refusing to pay Forced Loan, 1627, released 2 January 1627/8; *B.C.R.* for biography (p.323).

²⁹⁰ Tithingman (1630-1, 1631-2), Constable (1632-3); B. Corp., Burgess (from 1633), Alderman (1642-69); Bridgemaster 1637-9, 1657-9), Mayor (1646-7, 1662-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.308), pedigree (p.273).

²⁹¹ Tithingman (1626-7, 1627-8), Constable (1631-2, 1633-4); B. Corp., Burgess (by 1643/4), Alderman (by 1652-6), Mayor (1652-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.310), pedigree (p.276).

[Sidesmen] Ralph Ashmole,²⁹² Richard Kite,²⁹³ Robert Gibbard:²⁹⁴ all absent and excommunicated.

'The Judge, being credibly informed that many as well of the younger as the older sort of men do usually sit covered in the time of divine service in this church of Banbury, to the great abuse and dishonour of so holy an exercise and disturbance of the devotion of others well affected to all good and religious customs and ceremonies of the church, doth strictly monish the churchwardens of this place to see to the reformation of this abuse and to admonish and require all such offenders therein hereafter to reform from it. And at the next Visitation to present the names of all such which being by them admonished to forbear that abuse shall (not withstanding) afterwards offend therein.'²⁹⁵

[f.60]

BANBURY, 13th April, 1630.

'ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, 13th April, 1630, between 1 and 3 p.m., before the venerable man Mr Giles Sweet, M.A., Commissary and Official of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of me, Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.'

ODc. Eleanor Ragge: excommunicated.

Judith Pitham against Anne Such, alias Daukes: defamation: Merrick: Such directed to see sentence pronounced.

Against Samuel and Anne his wife: clandestine marriage and incontinence before marriage: excommunicated.

Against Richard White: incontinence with a certain Ursula Rogers: penance.

Against aforesaid Ursula Rogers: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Gideon Crosby: 'for sitting in the house of Margaret Crosby upon Sunday, the 18th of November, in service time': excommunicated.

Against Mr Richard Marmian and his wife of Hardwick: 'for continual absence from church': excommunication did not go forth.

Against John Bull of Nethercote, senior: 'for being often drunk': excommunication did not go forth.

Against John Bull of the same, junior: excommunicated.

[f.60v]

Against William Cooper: remains excommunicated.

Against Helen, alias Eleanor, Smith, relict and occupier of the goods of Michael Smith of Calthorpe: excommunicated.

Against the same Helen, alias Eleanor, Smith, daughter and occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Allen of Calthorpe: excommunicated for non-payment of fees.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: not communicating: excommunicated.

Against Mary Bentley: same cause: excommunicated.

²⁹² Tithingman (1630-1), Sergeant-at-Mace (1641-2); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.300), pedigree (p.276).

²⁹³ Husbandman of Neithrop (bur. 6 October 1634).

²⁹⁴ Of Grimsbury.

²⁹⁵ In their presentments of 17 September 1621, the CWs. had reported that 'the greatest part put of their hats' (Peyton, p.217).

Against the same: fame of incontinence with Edmund Smalebone: excommunicated.

Against John Easy: not communicating: excommunicated.

Against Roger Tatham: 'for being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against Margery Weston, mother and executrix of the will of William Weston, junior: excommunicated.

Against Margaret Bull of Nethercote: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

Against John Bull of the same: 'for being often and commonly drunk and for negligence in coming to church': excommunicated.

Against William Higgins of the same, labourer: fame of incontinence with a certain Elizabeth Saunders, alias Blacksly: excommunicated.

Against the same Elizabeth: same cause: excommunicated.

[f.61]

Against John Izard, son and occupier of the goods of Margaret Dix: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against [blank] Saunders, widow: bringing bastard child of her daughter into church to trouble the congregation: excommunicated: pauper.

Against Anthony Charles, alias Stevens: 'for being drunk on Michaelmas day last': excommunicated for not certifying penance and not paying the fees.

Against Reginald Walsall: 'for often swearing and for being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against the same: 'presented again for the like': similarly as above.

Against Sarah Burrowes, administratrix of the goods of Joan Burrowes: to render account: excommunicated.

Against Frances Stanley: incontinence with William Knight: excommunication did not go forth.

Against Thomas Hawes: 'for swearing, and being often drunk since he was last presented': excommunicated.

Against Nicholas, son and occupier of the goods of Henry Stoakes: will exhibited by William Johnson,²⁹⁶ proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury: absolved.

Against the same: clandestine marriage: exhibited certificate that he and Anne his wife had been married by licence.²⁹⁷

Against John Turton, John Haynes and Lawrence Blithe, sureties named in the will of Bartholomew Nayler: citation of Jonathan Nayler went forth.

Alice Walker, daughter and legatee in the will of Thomas Kinton against John Wyse, executor of the will: French: citation of Wyse went forth.

Against John Webbe and Anne his wife of Calthorpe: sought.

[f.61v]

Against Arthur Beard, occupier of the goods of Thomas Beard: cited.

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of John Heele: excommunicated.

²⁹⁶ Probably a relative acting for the apparitor, John Johnson; for Stoakes' will, see fn. 216.

²⁹⁷ No record in *B. Reg.*

Against Anne Wise, daughter of Simon Wyse:²⁹⁸ incontinence with one unknown: sought: excommunicated.

Against Richard Crosby: incontinence with a certain [blank]²⁹⁹ Drinkwater: sought: excommunicated.

Against aforesaid Drinkwater: same cause: sought: excommunicated.

Against Margaret Bull of Grimsbury: 'for having a bastard': sought: excommunicated.

Against George Pedley: 'for being often drunk': had to certify penance: monished to pay the fees: did not appear: excommunicated: fees owing.

Against Mr Edward Taylor: 'for swearing': [no entry].

[*Against* John Whateley: 'for swearing and for being drunk 14th April, 1629, s.t.]: [no entry]

Against Benjamin Sherwood: 'for being very often drunk': sought: excommunicated. [f.62]

Against Roger Singer, alias Norman: 'for being drunk since he was last presented': had to certify penance: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Philip Sharpe: 'for swearing': excommunicated.

Against John Dreed: same cause: had been ordered penance: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Kimble: 'for being drunk': had to certify penance, and pay expenses: appeared; 'he desired longer time': postponed to the next court.

Against Richard Jenson: swearing: similarly as above as to the certification of penance: received 4s.³⁰⁰

Against Titus Buckingham: 'for being drunk once since the last court': to purge with four others: 12th April, 1630, appeared and submitted himself: dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

Against Richard Ryley: 'for often swearing': had to certify penance: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Henry Guy: 'for being often drunk': did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Graves: 'for being often drunk': had to certify penance: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Roger Tatham: same cause: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Richard Grundy: 'for absence from divine service on the Sabbath day, spending that time in company with others drinking': excommunicated, as above.

Against [blank], wife of Grundy: same cause: excommunicated, as above.

Against William Jarvace: same cause: excommunicated, as above.

Against John Overbury: same cause: had to purge with four others: 12th April, 1630, appeared; submitted himself: dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

[f.62v]

Against Passover Hartlett: same cause: did not appear: excommunicated.

²⁹⁸ Of Calthorpe, bap. 4 September 1597.

²⁹⁹ Marian.

³⁰⁰ This may refer to the previous case.

Against William Taylor: same cause: had to certify penance: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Fulk Blincowe: 'absence from divine service on the sabbath day': sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against [blank]³⁰¹ Styles: 'for grinding constantly on the sabbath': to be cited.

Against John Butler, servant of Mr Thomas Dutton, knight, of Wickham: 'for grievous swearing': sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Burrowes, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Burrowes: cited.

Against Anne Walmesley, relict: [no entry].

The presentments exhibited 24th November, 1629:

Against the occupier of the goods of Richard Hawkins³⁰² [made?] at the point of death at the house of John Scott:³⁰³ appeared; replied 'that the said Hawkins, a stranger dwelling in Lancashire, a man travelling from Oxford homeward and taking up his lodging at this examinee's house, died there after he had been there a week or thereabouts, and he had not any goods about him to his knowledge, and his friends came over and paid for his burial'.

Against the occupier of the goods of Alice Eaton, widow:³⁰⁴ cited.

Against Joyce, relict and executrix and occupier of the goods of John Rymill of Calthorpe:³⁰⁵ appeared 12th April, 1630, and will proved.

Against the occupier of the goods of Edward Man:³⁰⁶ 13th April, 1630, appeared Millicent, relict and executrix; exhibited will proved in the Prerogative Court: received 2s.6d.

[f.63]

Against John King, slatter: incontinence with Elizabeth Barnes, servant of Lawrence Styward: to be sought.

Against William Jarvis: 'for absence from divine service upon the sabbath before the last court': to be sought.

Against Robert Abbotts: same cause: to be sought.

Against Zachariah Beenam: same cause: to be sought.

Against John Scott, innholder: 'for swearing': appeared; admitted: dismissed with a monition: received 5s.

Against John Haynes, mercer: same cause: appeared Mr Eedam for Haynes: dismissed: received 3s.6d.

Against William Long: same cause: sought.

³⁰¹ William.

³⁰² Bur. 6 May 1629, 'a Lakasheere man'.

³⁰³ The 'George'.

³⁰⁴ Bur. 1 July 1629; Catherine Kendall, oc. (f.68).

³⁰⁵ Bur. 20 July 1629; *W. & I. 2*, No. 304 (Rimel).

³⁰⁶ Bur. 3 September 1629, 'Mr. Edward'; will proved in P.C.C. [101 Ridley]; Constable (1603-4); B. Corp. Chamberlain (1606-7, 1607-8), Assistant (1608), Burgess (1621-9); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.315), pedigree (p.280).

Against John Long: 'for absence from church': appeared and was admonished.

Against Richard Bull of Nethercote: 'for swearing and drunkenness since the last court': sought.

Against John Bull of the same: swearing: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the same John Bull: 'for not receiving the communion this whole year': did not appear: excommunicated.

[*Against* John Wheatley: 'for swearing 4th October': cited, s.t.]

[f.63v]

Against Thomas Hawse: 'for being drunk': appeared: monished [to pay fees?]³⁰⁷ before the next court, otherwise to appear at the next court.

The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:

Against the occupier of the goods of James Pedley:³⁰⁸ appeared Frances, mother: to exhibit an inventory.

Against the occupier of the goods of William Whitston, unknown,³⁰⁹ who died at the house of Thomas Allen in the Castle of Banbury: did not appear: to be sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against the occupier of the goods of Margery Nayler, widow:³¹⁰ Mr Robert French to be cited.

Against the occupier of the goods of John Jarvis:³¹¹ did not appear: to be cited.

Against the occupier of the goods of Thomas Weston³¹², son of [blank]³¹³ Weston, widow: appeared: [no further entry].

Against the occupier of the goods of Thomas Ells:³¹⁴ appeared Joyce, relict and executrix: will proved.

Against Robert Cole of Huscote: 'for absence from divine service upon the sabbath day since the last court, driving then cattle to a fair': did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Jarvis: 'for often absence from church on the sabbath day': sought.

Against Richard Righton: same cause, and for swearing: appeared; admitted: dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

Against Thomas Robins, son of Humphrey Robins: incontinence with a certain one: sought.

[f.64]

Against the occupier of the goods of Anne Dudley, widow:³¹⁵ the will proved.

³⁰⁷ MS. illegible.

³⁰⁸ The *B. Reg.* records the burial of 'Joseph **Pedly**, son of widdow **Pedly**', on 29 September 1629, but has no record of 'James'.

³⁰⁹ Bur. 2 October 1629, 'John **Whiston**, a stranger'.

³¹⁰ Bur. 4 December 1629.

³¹¹ Bur. 1 January 1629/30; his widow was Isabel.

³¹² Bur. 12 January 1629/30; *W. & I. 2*, No. 305.

³¹³ Margery.

³¹⁴ Bur. 16 January 1629/30, 'freemason'; *W. & I. 2*, No. 306.

³¹⁵ Bur. 19 January 1629/30 (**Dudly**); *W. & I. 2*, No. 307.

Against John Walker and Jane his wife:³¹⁶ incontinence before marriage: appeared: monished to answer, otherwise to appear at the next court himself [i.e. John]: Jane sought.

Against Thomas Knibbe and his wife:³¹⁷ incontinence before marriage: sought.

Against Titus Buckingham: 'for profane swearing and ribald speeches': 12th April, 1630, appeared; submitted himself: dismissed with a monition: received 5s.6d.

Against Henry Richards:³¹⁸ 'for being drunk': appeared; admitted; submitted himself: dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

Against Mr William Hollyhead, clerk: 'for receiving the holy communion standing': appeared; admitted 'that he did receive the holy communion the last time standing, according as it is presented against him'; submitted himself: monished 'that he do such no more, and that likewise he shall receive the communion the next time kneeling, and minister the same to others kneeling': received 3s.6d.

Against John West: 'for profane swearing': 12th April, 1630, appeared; submitted himself: dismissed with a monition: received 3s.6d.

Elizabeth Lapworth, alias Wilsheire,³¹⁹ legatee in the will of John Wilshire³²⁰ against John Robins, executor of the will of George Robins, executor while living of the will of the aforesaid John Wilshire: subtraction of legacy: cited: Horne exhibited his proxy.

[f.64v]

Against Katherine Kendall, relict of Timothy Kendall:³²¹ appeared; exhibited a free gift.³²²

Received of Mr Wheatley for three licences of marriage, £1.10s.

Against [blank]³²³ Dodson: 'did set his servant to carry home out of the field³²⁴ to Banbury upon Michaelmas day last, and he had a thatcher then at work thatching upon the house': [no entry].

³¹⁶ John Waker (Walker) m. Jane Knibb (Knib), 29 August 1629, at B.; their dau., Annis, bap. 21 December 1629; Jane d.1631 (bur. 6 June).

³¹⁷ Probably the Thomas Knibb, of Claydon, who m. Elizabeth Wise of Bodicote on 18 June 1629, at B.; the baptism of John, s. of Thomas K., is recorded on 28 October 1629.

³¹⁸ Tithingman (1627-8); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.320).

³¹⁹ Dau. of Thomas Wilshire (s. of John W.), bap. 26 July 1595; m. Steven Lapworth, 23 October 1622.

³²⁰ Bur. 12 February 1599/60 (Wilsheere); 'If Thomas my son come not again to Banbury to inhabit within four years, then the portions of goods to be divided between John Robbins son of George Robbins and Elizabeth Wilshire daughter to Thomas Wilshire' (will dated 14 January 1599/1600, *W. & I.* 1, No. 56). Further citation of John Robins is recorded in f.69v, but there is no further reference to the case, which remains unresolved.

³²¹ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; inv. taken, 13 November 1612, exhib., 16 November 1612; acct. (of Katherine K.) dated 1 July 1617 (*W. & I.* 1, No.135); Tithingman (1606-7); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.312).

³²² i.e. a deed of gift.

³²³ Daniel.

³²⁴ i.e. probably part of the harvest.

Against William Taylor, labourer: 'did serve the thatcher in Mr Vivers' work upon St. Matthew's day last': [no entry].

Against Goody Vicars: 'did relieve in the said work upon the same day': [no entry].
[f.65]

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, Monday, 8th November, 1630, between 9 and 12 a.m., before the venerable man Mr Giles Sweit, M.A., Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Eleanor Rugge: remains excommunicated.

Judith Pitham against Anne Such: defamation: agreement has been reached between the parties.

Against Samuel Such and Anne his wife: clandestine marriage and incontinence before marriage: excommunicated.

Against Richard White: fame of incontinence with a certain Ursula Rogers: penance had gone forth: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against aforesaid Ursula Rogers: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Gedion Crosby: 'for negligence in coming to church, sitting in Margaret Crosby's house on Sunday, 18th November last, in time of divine service': excommunicated.

[f.65v]

Against Mr Richard Marmian and his wife of Hardwick: 'for continual absence from church': excommunication has not gone forth: the churchwardens certify 'that the said Mr Marmian hath been lately at church and received there the communion'.³²⁵

Against John Bull of Nethercote, senior: 'for being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against William Cooper: remains excommunicated.

Against Helen, alias Eleanor, Smith, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Michael Smith of Calthorpe: excommunicated.

Against the same Helen, alias Eleanor, Smith, daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Allen: excommunicated for not paying the fees: fees owing.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: not communicating: excommunication did not go forth.

Against Mary Bentley: same cause: excommunication did not go forth.

Against John Easy: not communicating: absolved: monished to confess: pauper.

Against Roger Tatham: 'for being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against Margery Weston, mother and executrix of the will of William Weston, junior: excommunicated: appeared John Foster³²⁶ and exhibited the will proved in the Prerogative Court: received 2s.6d. for exhibiting the will and 5s.6d. for absolution. [Sum of money illegible through rubbing] '...towards the reparation of the church given in his will, which is not yet paid.'

³²⁵ Richard M. was bur. on 22 April 1639, his wife four days later, on 26 April.

³²⁶ ?John F., of Sussex, gent.; University College, Oxford, matriculated 18 July 1600, aged 17; Sargeant-at-law, Inner Temple, 1611 (Foster). See f.9v, Note 76.

[f.66]

Against Margaret Bull of Nethercote: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

Against John Bull of the same: 'for being commonly drunk and for negligence in coming to church': excommunicated: received [*no sum mentioned*], see before.

Against William Higgins, labourer: fame of incontinence with a certain Elizabeth Saunders, alias Blacksley: excommunicated.

Against the said Elizabeth: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Izard, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Dix: excommunicated.

Against [blank] Saunders, widow: bringing her daughter's bastard child into the church in service time to trouble the congregation: excommunicated: pauper.

Against Anthony Charles, alias Stevens: 'for being drunk upon Michaelmas day, 1629': fees owing.

Against Reginald Walsall: 'for often swearing and being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against the same Reginald: 'presented again for the like': excommunicated.

[f.66v]

Against Sarah Burrowes, administratrix of the goods of Joan Burrowes: to account: excommunicated.

Against Frances Stanley: incontinence with Mr William Knight: excommunicated.

Against Thomas Haines: 'for swearing and being often drunk since he was last presented': excommunicated. [Margin: bis].³²⁷

Against John Turton, John Haynes and Lawrence Blithe, sureties named in the will of Bartholomew Nayler: Jonathan Nayler cited.

Anne Walker, daughter and legatee in the will of Thomas Weston against John Wyse, executor of the will: French: excommunication against Wyse.

Against John Webbe and Mary his³²⁸ wife of Calthorpe: incontinence before marriage: excommunicated: appeared; denied: absolved and dismissed: received 9s.

Against Arthur Beard, occupier of the goods of Thomas Beard: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against [blank], temerarious occupier of the goods of John Heele: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Anne Wyse, daughter of Simon Wyse: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

[f.67]

Against Richard Crosby: incontinence with a certain Drinkwater:³²⁹ excommunicated.

Against the same Drinkwater: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Margaret Bull of Grimsbury: 'for having a bastard': excommunicated: see previous entry.

³²⁷ 'bis' = twice, on two occasions, but a previous presentment is not recorded.

³²⁸ The clerk should have written 'Anne'; there is no record in the *B. Reg.* of a child born to this John W.

³²⁹ Marian.

Against George Pedley: 'for being often drunk': excommunicated for not certifying performance of penance: absolved and monished to confess before the Minister and churchwardens: received 6s.: pauper.

Against Thomas Midleton:³³⁰ 'for swearing often': to confess before the Minister and churchwardens: received 1s.

Against Mr Edward Taylor: 'for swearing': 'Mr Eedam'.

Against Benjamin Sherwood: 'for being very often drunk': excommunicated: [absolved, *s.t.*].

Against Richard Singer, alias Norman: 'for being drunk since he was last presented': to confess: pauper.

Against Philip Sharp: swearing: excommunicated.

Against John Dreede: swearing: to confess before the Minister and churchwardens: received 6s.: pauper.

Against John Kymble: swearing: to certify performance of penance: did not appear: excommunicated.

[f.67v]

Against Richard Jenison: swearing: to certify performance of penance: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Richard Ryley: 'for often swearing': excommunicated.

Against Henry Guy: 'for being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against William Graves: same cause: absolved and monished to confess: pauper.

Against Roger Tatham: same cause: absolved and monished to confess: pauper.

Against Richard Grundy and his wife: 'for absence from church upon the sabbath day, spending time in the company of others drinking': appeared: dismissed with a monition and absolved: received 5s.

Against William Jarvis: same cause: excommunicated: 'fee forward'.

Against Passover Hartlett: same cause: absolved in the person of Anne his wife: to confess before the Minister and the churchwardens: pauper.

Against William Tayler: same cause: absolved: to confess: pauper.

[f.68]

Against Fulk Blincowe: 'for absence from church': absolved: to confess: pauper.

Against William Styles: 'for grinding constantly upon the sabbath day': appeared: admitted 'that upon Sundays in summer time, the water being low, his servants have used to grind; he saith that he will have a care that no such offence shall be done by them hereafter': to appear and certify.

Against John Butler, servant of Thomas Dutton, knight, of Wickham: 'for grievous swearing': excommunicated.

Against John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Burrowes, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Burrowes: cited.

Against Anne Walmesley, relict: [no entry].

³³⁰ Taster of Victuals (1614-28, 1633-4), Tithingman (1628-9, 1629-30, 1630-1), Constable (?1632-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.315).

The Presentments exhibited 24th November, 1629:

Against Catherine Kendall, daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Alice Eaton: to be sought.

Against John King, slatter: incontinence with Elizabeth Barnes, servant of Lawrence Styward: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Jarvis: 'for absence from divine service on the sabbath day since the last court': sought.

[f.68v]

Against Robert Abbotts: same cause: sought: excommunicated.

Against Zachariah Beenam: same cause: sought: excommunicated.

Against William Long: same cause: sought: later appeared and admitted: to confess: received 2s.

Against John Long: same cause: as above.

Against Richard Bull of Nethercote: 'for swearing and drunkenness since the last court': sought: later appeared and admitted: monished and absolved: dismissed: received 3s.

Against John Bull of the same, father of the aforesaid Richard Bull: swearing: excommunicated.

Against the same John Bull, senior: 'for being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against John Bull, senior: not receiving communion for a whole year: excommunicated: received 9s.4d. *9th November, 1630*; the said John Bull answered 'that being in fear of arrest, he hath for some time forborne to come to church, and not because of any dislike he hath of the Church of England. And concerning his being often drunk, he denieth the same, but confesseth that sometimes he hath been overtaken with drink, in which respect he humbly submitteth himself': to confess before the Minister and churchwardens.

Against Thomas Hawse: 'for being drunk': see before: [no entry].

Against Elizabeth Barnes: appeared; answered 'that she, being a single woman, was begotten with child by John King, slatter, of Banbury, at the house of Lawrence Styward in Banbury, she being a servant in that house at that time, which was about this time two years since': penance.

[f.69]

The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:

Against the occupier of the goods of James Pedley: Frances, mother of James Pedley had been ordered to exhibit an inventory this day; did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the occupier of the goods of William Whitston, an unknown one, who died at the house of Thomas Allen within the castle of Banbury: sought, 'Walter Wells'.³³¹ did not appear: cited by ways and means for the next court.

Against the occupier of the goods of Margery Nayler, widow: citation against Mr Robert French: sought.

³³¹ The name 'Walter Wells' has been written by another hand into the MS., for what reason is not clear, as in ff. 80v, 85v and 89v, where the case is continued, Thomas Allen is named as tem. oc. of the goods of William Witston. Walter Wells', husbandman, d. 1633 (bur. 25 October).

Against Margery Weston, widow, mother and temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Weston: letters of administration granted to George, brother of the deceased: fees received.

Against Robert Cole of Huscote: absence from church and driving cattle to a fair: excommunicated.

Against William Jarvis: 'for often absence from church upon the sabbath day': did not appear: excommunicated; see before.

[f.69v]

Against Thomas Robins, son of Humphrey Robins: fame of incontinence with a certain one: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Walker and Jane, his wife: incontinence before marriage: did not appear: excommunicated: then appeared and admitted: penance: pauper: received 2s. in part.

Against Thomas Kimble and [blank] his wife:³³² same cause: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mr William Hollyheade, clerk: receiving holy communion standing: had to certify of receiving and of ministering it to others kneeling: appeared; alleged 'that he is not provided at this time of the aforesaid certificate, wherefore he desireth liberty to provide the same' before the next court: monished to do so: received 3s.6d.

Elizabeth Lapworth, alias Wilsheire, legatee in the will of John Wilsheire against John Robins, executor of the will of George Robins, executor while living of the will of the aforesaid John Wilsheire: Home: the said John Robins cited.

[f.70]

Against Catherine Kendall, relict of Timothy Kendall: did not appear: excommunicated.

The Detections exhibited 3rd September, 1630:

Against the temerarious occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Williamson:³³³ administration granted to John Heele:³³⁴ fees, C.H. 3s.11½d.

Against the occupier of the goods of Anne Wing, widow:³³⁵ appeared Organ Nicholls and alleged 'that she died in his house, being his wife's mother,³³⁶ where he kept her; and she died nothing worth, as he sayeth, besides her clothes': to exhibit an inventory: Margaret, wife of Organ, cited.

Against Mr Edward Taylor, son and occupier of the goods of Mr William Taylor:³³⁷ cited, Mary Bentley, widow, 'in whose house Mr Taylor died a sojourner'.

³³² The clerk has written **Kimble**, but the case would seem to refer to the Thomas **Knibbe** and his wife presented in f.64; there is no record in the *B. Reg.* of a child born to John **Kimble**. See f.64, Note 317.

³³³ Bur. 18 April 1630; *W. & I.* 2, No. 308 (Isabell W.).

³³⁴ Searcher and Scaler of Leather (1632-4, 1637-9, 1641-2, 1652-4, 1660-1, 1663-5, 1666-7); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.311).

³³⁵ Bur. 26 April 1630; *W. & I.* 2, No. 317 (**Winge**).

³³⁶ Margaret **Hartley** (**Hartlet**) was dau. of Anne **Hartlet**, a widow, who had m. John **Wing**, 10 February 1588/9; Margaret m. Organ **Nicholls**, 29 January 1607/8, and was bur. 3 March 1634/5; he m. (2) Joan **Wise** (**Wisse**), 18 October 1640.

³³⁷ No burial entry in *B. Reg.* Possibly the W.T. 'of Banbury, esq.,' whose will was proved in P.C.C. 14 Feb 1630/1 [27 St. John].

[f.70v]

Against Alice, relict and occupier of the goods of William Leeson³³⁸ of Grimsbury: appeared and alleged 'her said husband was not worth anything': to exhibit an inventory: Mr Thomas Wheatley³³⁹ cited 'who, as she saith, hath all the goods which her husband had formerly'.

Against Barbara Robins, daughter of Humphrey Robins:³⁴⁰ fame of incontinence with John Russell: did not appear: excommunicated, but not to go forth within a month: appeared later and admitted: penance in a linen sheet to be performed in the church of Banbury; then said 'that to do such public penance would be an utter undoing unto her and humbly desired a mitigation thereof, and offered 10s. for pious uses, and to perform that penance before the Minister and churchwardens': accepted: received 6s.8d. and 10s. for the commutation: certificate of penance to be sent in by the apparitor before Epiphany.³⁴¹

Against the said John Russell: same cause: sought.

Against William Mellett: fame of incontinence with Drinkwater, widow:³⁴² did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the said Marian Drinkwater, widow: same cause: sought.

Against Abraham Pyner: 'a common swearer and blasphemer of the name of God': did not appear: excommunicated.

[f.71]

Against Christopher Dent and Mary Styward his pretended wife: clandestine marriage: sought: 'Query'.

Against William Robins³⁴³ and Elizabeth his pretended wife: same cause: appeared William Robins and for himself and his wife admitted 'that they both being of Banbury which he knoweth to be a Peculiar jurisdiction were notwithstanding married in the church of St. Giles in Oxford in July last by licence from the Vicar-General of the diocese of Oxford, supposing and being verily persuaded that Mr Sweit, the Commissary of this Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, had given his licence or leave for the celebration of their marriage accordingly, viz., out of his jurisdiction; otherwise he

³³⁸ No record of will or inv. for William L., but an inv. was taken of the goods of John L. of Huscote on 7 July 1630, exhib. by Alice, rel. and adix., on 6 August 1631 (*W. & I.* 2, No. 309; *P.C.B.*, p.43); the inv. value was £5.2s.4d, and he owed 'his landlord, Mr. Thomas **Whateley**', £6.13s.4d. for '5 yeeres rent for his house and garden'. There is no burial entry for John L. in *B. Reg.*

³³⁹ 1550-1637, father of William W.: Constable (1587-8); B. Corp., Alderman (by 1592 to 1637), Bailiff (1592-3, 1599-1600), Mayor (1611-2, 1623-4), Bridgemaster (1611-2, 1613-4, 1614-5, 1618-21), J.P. (1627-8, 1633-4); charged with defamation by Thomas **Bradbury**, Vicar of B. (1609) and may have been the 'Mr. **Whately**' cited at the same time for causing a disturbance in the church (MS. Oxf. Archd., b.61, f.181 and c.157, f.422); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.328), pedigrees (pp. 271, 272).

³⁴⁰ Barbara R. bap. 6 February 1602/3; on 3 October 1630, there was bap. William R., 's. of Barbrow, a Base'.

³⁴¹ 6 January (Twelfth Day).

³⁴² Marian D.

³⁴³ Taster of Victuals (1629-30), Tithingman (1636-7, 1637-8), Constable (1638-9, 1642-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.320), pedigree (p.273).

doth protest they would not have so presumed to have been married there ...³⁴⁴
received 7s. for their licence; 8[?]³⁴⁵ from C.H.

Against Mr George Robins, Alderman of the Borough:³⁴⁶ present at the clandestine marriage of the said Robins: cited.

Against Edmund Smalebone: same cause: cited.

Against Samuel Robins: same cause: excused by the introduction of the reply of Mr George Robins, his father, as above.³⁴⁷

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Against Richard Hollyhead: same cause: excused as above.

Against [blank]³⁴⁸ Hollyhead, father of the said Richard: same cause: excused as above.

Catherine Tayler, alias Grundy, wife of Richard Grundy,³⁴⁹ legatee in the will of Thomas Tayler³⁵⁰ of Neithrop against William Tayler of Neithrop,³⁵¹ executor of the will of the said deceased: [no entry].

[f.72]

In the cause of the reformation of behaviour against Elizabeth Barnes: Elizabeth Glover, wife of Henry Glover,³⁵² of Banbury, deposed 'that the said Elizabeth Barnes, late servant of Lawrence Styward, about eight weeks before Michaelmas last was twelve month, being in travail of the child she was then great with, she, the deponent, being then her midwife, did very strictly examine her concerning the father of that child, putting her to extreme pains, at which time she, the said Elizabeth, did often times affirm, being in grave danger of death, with very deep protestation as she hoped for salvation, that John King, of Banbury, the son of Elizabeth King, widow, was the father of her child, and that none other had the knowledge or carnal use of her body.

The mark of  the said Elizabeth Glover.

'Margaret Haynes, wife of John Haynes, of Banbury, mercer, sworn, saith that she was present when the foresaid Elizabeth Barnes was in travail of her bastard child, and did then, viz. about a year and a quarter since, hear the said Elizabeth Barnes in her

³⁴⁴ Nothing further in MS.

³⁴⁵ MS. denomination indistinct.

³⁴⁶ Tithingman (1604-5), Constable (1607-8); B, Corp., Burgess (from c.1617), Bridgemaster (1623-5, 1637-9), Alderman (1628-41), Mayor (1631-2, 1638-9); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.320), pedigree (p.273).

³⁴⁷ i.e. probably referring to the reply of William Robins.

³⁴⁸ William.

³⁴⁹ Katherine T. is recorded as having m. Edward Coxwell on 22 March 1621/2; there is no record in *B. Regs.* of Edward C.'s burial, nor of Katherine's mar. to Richard G.; she is named (as Catherine Grundie) as witness to her mother's will (Alice Tayler), dated 31 January 1631/2 (*W. & I.* 2, No. 329).

³⁵⁰ Bur. 18 March 1619/20; by his will, dated 26 February 1619/20, proved 26 April 1620, Catherine, dau. of Thomas T., was to receive '£20 within 2 years of my decease' (*W. & I.* 1, No. 224).

³⁵¹ Son of Thomas T.

³⁵² Henry G., who had m. Elizabeth Longe on 2 December 1609, had been presented by the CWs. on 9 March 1609/10, 'for making water in the Church' (Peyton, p.205).

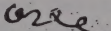
extremity confess and very constantly affirm unto Elizabeth Glover, being then her midwife and purposely putting her to the more pains thereby to find out the right father of her child, that the foresaid John King was the father thereof, and that none but he had the use of her body.

The mark of  Margaret Haynes.

'Dorothy Judd, wife of Thomas Judd, of Banbury, chaundler, sworn, saith that she was also present at the childbearing of the said Elizabeth Barnes and did then

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hear her in extreme pains confess and affirm the like.


The mark of Dorothy Judd.

'Joan Cooper of Banbury, wife of William Cooper of the same, tailor, sworn, deposeth the like, having been present at the travail of the said Elizabeth Barnes.

'Margaret Styward, wife of Lawrence Styward of Banbury, victualler, sworn, saith and deposeth the like, who was also present at the labour of the said Elizabeth Barnes.

'Lawrence Styward of Banbury, victualler, sworn, deposeth that Elizabeth Barnes, being lately his servant, he, upon some occasion, called for her, and she not answering him, he, this deponent, seeking her out from place to place in and about his house, and going into the chamber of his house to that purpose, as he opened the door he there did see (as he saith) the said Elizabeth Barnes and John King, slatter, the son of Elizabeth King, widow, of Banbury, slipping off the bed, the one of the one side and the other on the other side of the bed: and this the said Elizabeth Barnes being now present doth affirm to be true'.³⁵³

Paid 2s. per the churchwardens of Banbury.

Received of Mr Wheatley £3 for six licences.

'I received for this court £3.11s.9d. C.H.'

Laid out in full at Deddington, Banbury and Adderbury £1. 9s. 9d.

2s. 6d.

'This is reckoned for'.

£2.18s.10d.³⁵⁴

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Licences for marrying these whose names are underwritten.³⁵⁵

1. Nicholas Berry of Banbury and Joyce Ell of the same.³⁵⁶

2. William Hameel of Middle Barton and Elizabeth Wheeler of Horley.³⁵⁷

3. William Merry of Purs[t]on and Anne Wels, daughter of Robert Wels of Horley.³⁵⁸

³⁵³ The *B. Reg.* records the baptism of 'John s. of John King', 12 April 1629.

³⁵⁴ The accountancy of this entry is now inexplicable.

³⁵⁵ These probably refer to the six licences mentioned in f.72v.

³⁵⁶ m. 22 April, 1630.

³⁵⁷ William **Hanwell** of Middle Barton m. Elizabeth **Wheeles** of Hornton on 12 June 1630, in B.

³⁵⁸ m. 5 July, 1630.

4. Mr John Nichols of Banbury and Mary Pim of the same.³⁵⁹

5. William, 'I forget his other name',³⁶⁰ and Mary Nib of Banbury.

6. William Clifford of Balscote and Isabel Phips of Hornton.³⁶¹

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[f.75]

10th November, 1630 at Banbury, before Mr Sweit, Commissary.

ODc. Alice Rowsham of King's Sutton: appeared; objected to her 'her being unlawfully begotten with child': replied and answered 'that she is so with child by Thomas Charles of Neithrop in the parish of Banbury, who had the carnal knowledge of her body the first time upon Shrove Tuesday last at widow Long's house in Neithrop, they both being there for servants together, viz., he had carnal copulation with her in the said house there and divers times since, and the last time upon Wednesday before Michaelmas last': penance.

Against the aforesaid Thomas Charles of Neithrop: incontinence with the said Alice: appeared; 'admitteth that the common fame goeth at Neithrop aforesaid that he should beget the foresaid Alice Rowsham with child, and he confesseth that they two lived together as servants the last year in the house of widow Long of Neithrop within this parish of Banbury, but he denieth that he ever had the carnal knowledge of her body': offered to purge: to purge with four others.³⁶²

Against Mathew Long of Neithrop: same cause: appeared; replied 'that it is commonly reported and suspected that he had the carnal knowledge of the body of Alice Rowsham, late his mother's servant, he answereth and denieth that he committed the act of incontinence with her but he confesseth that he did kiss and handle her by her secret parts'.

Against John Francknell of Neithrop: same charge: cited.

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VISITATION.

Churchwardens and sidesmen for 1630.

Churchwardens for the parish of Banbury:

Mr Ralph Drope,

Mr Aholiab West,

Mr George Phillips; all sworn.

³⁵⁹ m. 8 September, 1630; Mary P., dau. of Alderman John Gill, was widow of John P. (bur. 28 March 1611); she had been presented in 1606, probably for refusing to kneel at communion, and in 1610 had been excommunicated for refusing to be churched (MS. Oxf. Archd., b.61, f.173; MS. Oxf. Archd., c. 157, f. 46).

³⁶⁰ Possibly, William **Wing**; the will of John **Knibbe** (bur. 16 October 1632, will proved 20 May 1633 (*W. & J.* 2, No. 331)) makes bequests to three married daughters, one of whom was Mary **Winge** (bap. 7 September 1605); Mary, wife of William W., bur. 16 January 1636/7. No entry in *B. Mar. Reg.*

³⁶¹ m. 31 July 1630.

³⁶² In the event, he brought five compurgators (f.82).

[Churchwardens] For places outside:

Richard Southam,
John Banister; both sworn.

Sidesmen for Banbury:

John Terry,
Richard Hollihead,
William Hawkins,
Ralph Ashmole; all sworn.

For places outside:

Richard Kite,
Robert Gibbard; both sworn.

'The forenamed churchwardens are to certify this day the names of such as forbear not to sit covered in the time of divine service.'

'Memorandum that the churchwardens be sworn to the presentment'.

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Churchwardens and Sidesmen newly elected for the current year 1631.

Churchwardens for Banbury:

Mr Ralph Drope,
Mr Aholiab West,
Mr George Phillips; all sworn.

For places outside:

Richard Southam,
John Banister; both sworn

Sidesmen for Banbury:

John Terry,
John Hollyhead,
William Hawkins,
Ralph Ashmole; all sworn.

For places outside:

Richard Kyte,
Robert Gibbard; both sworn.

The churchwardens owe the fees.

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'*ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, Monday, 16th May, 1631, between 1 and 2 p.m. before Masters Richard Ingram³⁶³ and William Wheatley, Masters of Arts, substitutes of Mr Sweitt, Commissary, each legitimately authorized, in the presence of me, Humphrey Jones, notary public*'.

ODc. Eleanor Ragge: remains excommunicated.

³⁶³ Richard **Ingram** of co. Worcester, arm.; matriculated, Balliol College, Oxford, 15 October 1591, aged 17; B.A., 17 October 1594; M.A. from All Souls College, Oxford, 6 July 1599; Rector of Oddington-upon-Otmore, Oxon., 1614, and Rector of Shenington, co. Gloucester, 1615 (Foster); he was a non-resident incumbent. Until 1844 Shenington was 'a detached part of Gloucestershire in the hundred of Tewkesbury and diocese of Gloucester' (N.M. Clifton, 'Shenington', *C. & C.*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (Autumn 1974), p.5).

Against Samuel Such and Anne, his wife: clandestine marriage and incontinence before marriage: excommunicated.

Against Richard White: fame of incontinence with a certain Ursula Rogers: appeared: dismissed.

Against the aforesaid Ursula Rogers: same cause: she is dead.³⁶⁴

Against Gedion Crosby: 'for neglect in coming to church and sitting in the house of Margaret Crosby on Sunday, 18 November, 1629': excommunicated.

Against William Cooper: absence from church: appeared: penance.

Against Helen, or Eleanor, Smith, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Michael Smith of Calthorpe: excommunicated.

Against the same, daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Allen, widow: excommunicated.

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Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: not communicating: excommunication did not go forth.

Against Mary Bentley: same cause: as above.

Against John Easy: same cause: performed confession, as Mr Wheatley had reported.

Against Roger Tatham: 'for being often drunk': as above.

Against Margaret Bull of Grimsbury: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated: 'she hath been committed to the house of correction for the same fault': dismissed.

Against William Higgins, labourer: incontinence with Elizabeth Saunders, alias Blaksley: performed penance, as Mr Wheatley has reported.

Against the said Elizabeth: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Izard, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Dix: excommunicated.

Against [blank] Saunders: for bringing daughter's bastard into church etc.: appeared Elizabeth Blacksley; admitted 'that she had a child, unlawfully begotten by William Higgins of Banbury': penance.

Against Anthony Charles, alias Stephens: 'for being drunk upon Michaelmas day, 1629': appeared: dismissed.

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Against Reginald Walsall: 'for often swearing and being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against the same Reginald: presented again for the same: excommunicated.

Against Sarah Burrowes, administratrix of the goods of ³⁶⁵ [blank]: to account: excommunicated.

Against Frances Stanley: incontinence with Mr William Knight: excommunicated.³⁶⁶

Against Thomas Hawes: 'for swearing and drunkenness': excommunicated.

³⁶⁴ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; bap. 27 October 1588, dau. of Robert R., grazier.

³⁶⁵ Joan Barrowes (f.53v).

³⁶⁶ On 2 March 1653/4 the mar. is recorded in the *B. Reg.* of William Halloway and Frances Stanley, dau. of Richard S., both of Warkworth.

Against John Turton, John Haynes and Lawrence Blith, sureties in the will of Bartholomew Naylor: [no entry].

Alice Walker, daughter and legatee in the will of Thomas Kenton against John Wyse, executor of the will: agreement has been reached between the parties.

Against Arthur Beard, occupier of the goods of Thomas Beard: 'he died at the Castle': excommunication did not go forth.

Against Anne Wyse, daughter of Simon Wyse: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

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Against Richard Crosby: incontinence with a certain Drinkwater:³⁶⁷ appeared; admitted; alleged 'that he hath been already punished for the same offence having being [sic] whipped by the Justice's order': nevertheless, penance.

Against the said Drinkwater: same cause: excommunicated.

Against George Pedley: 'for being often drunk': penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

Against Thomas Middleton: 'for swearing often': as above.

Against Benjamin Sherwood: 'for being very often drunk': excommunicated.

Against Richard Singer: 'for being drunk since last presented': penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

Against Philip Sharp: swearing: excommunicated.

Against John Dreede: swearing: penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

Against John Kimble: swearing: to confess.

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Against Richard Jemson: swearing: to confess.

Against Richard Ryley: 'for often swearing': excommunicated.

Against Henry Guy: 'for being often drunk': excommunicated.

Against William Graves: same cause: penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

Against Roger Tatham: often drunk: as above.

Against William Jarvis: 'for absence from church upon the Sabbath, spending that time in the company of others drinking': excommunicated.

Against Passover Hartlett: same cause: penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

Against William Tayler: same cause: as above.

Against Fulk Blincowe: same cause: as above.

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Against William Styles: 'for grinding constantly upon the Sabbath day': to certify penance.

Against John Butler: 'for grievous swearing': excommunicated.

Against John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Burrowes, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Burrowes: cited.

The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:

'1s.6d. per C.H.'

Against Catherine Kendall, daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Alice Eaton: appeared: her donation to the living³⁶⁸ having been proved she was dismissed.

³⁶⁷ Marian D.

³⁶⁸ MS. 'ostensa donacione inter vivos' - 'the living' may be interpreted as 'the needy'.

Against William Jarvis: absence from divine service on the sabbath since the last court: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Robert Abbotts: same cause: as above.

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Against John King: fame of incontinence with Elizabeth Barnes, servant of Lawrence Styward: excommunication withdrawn.

Against the said Elizabeth Barnes: same cause: penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

Against Zachariah Beenham: absence from divine service on the sabbath day since the last court: sought.

Against William Long: same cause: penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

Against John Long: same cause: appeared: dismissed with monition: received 3s.

Against Richard Bull of Nethercote: 'for swearing and drinking since the last court': penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

Against John Bull of the same: swearing: did not appear nor certify performance of penance.

Against John Bull of the same, senior: 'for not receiving communion this whole year': as above.

Against Thomas Hawse of the same: 'for being drunk'; remains excommunicated.

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The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:

Against Frances, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of James Pedley: excommunicated.

Against Thomas Allen, temerarious occupier of the goods of William Whitston, who lived in the house of Allen within the Castle of Banbury: sought.

Against Mr Robert French, occupier of the goods of Margery Nayler, widow: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Robert Coles of Huscote: absence from church on the Sabbath day and driving cattle to a fair: appeared; admitted 'that he, upon Sunday before St. Michaelmas day last was twelvemonth, was absent from service that forenoon, and he did then help to drive Mr Walker's cattle of Alkerton towards Woodstock fair, being then the said Mr Walker's servant': to confess: received 6s.

Against William Jarvis: 'often absent from service upon the Sabbath day': excommunicated.

Against Thomas Robins, son of Humphrey Robins: incontinence with a certain one: excommunicated.

Against John Walker and Jane his wife: incontinence before marriage: penance certified by Mr Wheatley.

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The Detections exhibited 3rd September, 1630:

Against Organ Nicholls and Margaret his wife, temerarious occupiers of the goods of Anne Wing, widow: Organ to exhibit an inventory: neither appeared: excommunicated.

Against Mr Edward Taylor, son and occupier of the goods of Mr William Taylor: appeared Edward King, servant of Mr Edward Taylor and alleged 'that Mr Taylor, son of the said deceased, being his executor living at Brixworth in Northamptonshire, hath

taken all his goods into his possession, neither had he any part thereof': received 3s.6d.

Against Magdalen, alias Mary Bentley, widow, temerarious occupier of the goods of the said Mr Taylor; 'Mr Taylor died a sojourner at her house': appeared; denied that she had any of the deceased's goods: dismissed.

Against Alice, relict and occupier of the goods of William Leeson of Grimsbury: to exhibit an inventory: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mr Thomas Wheatley, temerarious occupier of the goods of the said deceased 'who hath distrained upon the same for rent since his death': cited.

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Against John Russell: incontinence with Barbara Robins: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Millett: incontinence with Drinkwater, widow:³⁶⁹ excommunicated.

Against the said Marian Drinkwater: same cause: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Abraham Pyner: 'a common swearer and blasphemer of the name of God': appeared; submitted: dismissed: received 6d.

Against Mr Edmund Smalebone: present at the clandestine marriage of William Robins 'and Elizabeth, daughter of the said Edmund; and he was the procurer of their marriage in Oxford, and said that he would have them married there in spite of Mr Sweit, the Commissary of this jurisdiction': dismissed in this cause.

Catherine Taylor, alias Grundy, wife of Richard Grundy, legatee in the will of Thomas Tayler of Neithrop against William Taylor, executor of the will of the deceased: appeared Horne and exhibited an inventory: Cooke³⁷⁰ did not appear and was excommunicated: Mr Vickers³⁷¹ certified that the cause had been settled between the parties: received 6s.

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Against Daniel Dodson: 'he did set his servant to carry home out of the field to Banbury, and upon Michaelmas day last' had a thatcher at work on his house: appeared; replied 'that a labourer of this town did, upon the day articulated,³⁷² work thatching upon his house, which he doth acknowledge was a fault in him to suffer him so to do, as in him to do the same': penance, 'the said Daniel, acknowledging now his said fault but in a slight manner and very unwillingly, Mr Wheatley overruling him thereto': to appear at the next court to receive penance: received 3s.6d.

Against Alice Rowsham of King's Sutton:³⁷³ unlawfully made pregnant:³⁷⁴ to appear to receive penance.

Against Thomas Charles of Neithrop: incontinence with the said Alice Rowsham: appeared; brought as compurgators Anthony Charles of Neithrop, his father, Henry Claridge, labourer, Richard Marcham, labourer, Edward Horsman and John Kymble,

³⁶⁹ Marian D.

³⁷⁰ Presumably, a proctor (see f.83v, case against Giles Newland).

³⁷¹ Presumably, a proctor.

³⁷² = stated.

³⁷³ MS. 'Sutton regis'.

³⁷⁴ MS. 'illicite impregnata'.

labourer; they swore for him [i.e. Charles] that he never carnally knew the aforesaid Alice: dismissed: received 14s. and 5s.

Against John Francknell: same cause: cited.

Against Mathew Long: same cause; appeared; offered to purge: to purge with four: received 4s.

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Against Mr William Hollyhead, clerk: 'for receiving the holy communion standing': to certify receiving and administering to others kneeling and to pay fees: fees owing.

Against George Weston, brother and administrator of the goods of Thomas Weston: to account: appeared: monished to exhibit account next day:³⁷⁵ did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Catherine Mayoe of Wickham, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Mayoe: [Clement Jurden, surety to be cited, s.t.]

The venerable man Dr. Branker³⁷⁶ *against* Sherman³⁷⁷ and Chambre:³⁷⁸ to be asked to tax expenses: before Mr Wheatley, 16th May, 1631, between 11 and 12 a.m.: he alleged this cause to have been instituted concerning tithes and ordered the said Sherman and Chambre to be cited to see sentence demanded and to see expenses taxed.

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Against John Gardiner, occupier of the goods of Thomas Gardiner of Hardwick³⁷⁹ with Launcelot Sparkes: Sparkes cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Thomas Williamson, occupier of the goods of Edward Williamson:³⁸⁰ appeared: exhibited an inventory to the sum of £1.1 ls.6d.: dismissed: received 8d.

³⁷⁵ MS. 'in crastino'.

³⁷⁶ Dr. Edward Brouncker: St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, D.D., 23 May 1620; Vicar of Cropredy, 1619-42; Rector of Eccleston, Lincs., 1627; Rector of Ladbroke, Warwks., 1629 (Foster). In 1641, accused by parishioners of Cropredy, Claydon and Wardington, of being an absentee pluralist and 'a man of scandalous life' (Hist. MSS. Comm., House of Lords, 4, 97) who had turned away a preaching minister paid for by the parishioners.

³⁷⁷ It has not been possible to identify Sherman, unless he was the William Sharman, who, with his wife, Anne (m. 17 January 1563/4) had held the lease of a water-mill and windmill in the Bourtons until 1624 (V.C.H. 10, p.180).

³⁷⁸ Calcott Chambre (Chambers) of Williamscoth, Oxon., b. 1581, d. 29 October 1635: M.P. for B., January-June 1626; by Charter granted to B., 28 June 1608, he was appointed an Assistant of the Corp. for life (W. R. Williams, *The Parliamentary History of the County of Oxford* (1899), p.178; B.C.R. for biography (p.303)). He had succeeded his elder brother (also named Calcott, d. 1592) to Williamscoth manor. In 1618, being in financial trouble, he mortgaged Williamscoth to John Gobert of Coventry, father of his wife, Lucy; he had sold the Chambre property in Wardington in 1602, and was forced to sell Williamscoth in 1633. 'The Chambre family departed to its Irish property, the speculative acquisition of which was in part responsible for Chambre's difficulties' (V.C.H. 10, p.216).

³⁷⁹ Bur. 25 September 1630 (Mr. Thomas G.).

³⁸⁰ Bur. 18 October 1630 (Williamsonne); *W. & I.* 2, No. 318; Taster of Victuals (1616-21); B.C.R. for biography (p.329).

Against the occupier of the goods of Henry Sharpe:³⁸¹ appeared Anne, relict: no will having been made, administration was granted to her: 'paid 2s. to me per Ch.H.'

Against the occupier of the goods of Richard Bonner of Hardwick:³⁸² appeared Mary, relict and executrix: will proved: paid fees, 6s.9d.

Against the occupier of the goods of Mr John Nichols:³⁸³ [appeared; alleged that Gamaliel, son and executor alleged that the deceased at the time of his death had bona notabilia, namely £5 owing by James Pace of Newbury in the county of Berks.; cause continued to the next court between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. s.t.]: Gamaliel did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Sarah Hollyhead, relict of Mr Hollyhead:³⁸⁴ [no entry].

Against Edward, son of Frances Weston: incontinence with a servant of Mistress Hawten: appeared; admitted 'that he had the carnal knowledge of the body of Elizabeth, late the servant of Mistress Hawten in Calthorpe, within this last twelve month, he being there also servant to the said Mistress Hawten': penance.

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Against Elizabeth, servant of Mistress Hawten: same cause: sought.

Against George Claridge of Neithrop: incontinence with Anne Long: sought.

Against the said Anne Long: same cause: sought.

Against Giles Newland, servant of Mistress Hawten: incontinence with Margaret Mills: cited by Cooke: did not appear: sought.

Against the said Margaret: same cause: sought.

Elizabeth Wheatley, wife of John Wheatley, against Edward Russell: defamation: appeared Horne and exhibited his proxy for the said Elizabeth: Horne gave in the libel: 18th May Russell appeared and denied: Horne to produce witnesses.

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Mr Richard Ingram, clerk, M.A., Rector of Shenington, against John Crosse: tithes: constituted Horne his proctor: 18th May, 1631, before Mr Wheateley in the Church of Banbury between 2 and 5 p.m.: at petition of Horne, Cross ordered to appear to respond to the libel.

³⁸¹ Bur. 1 January 1630/1; *W. & I.* 2, No. 310. May well have been the Henry S., bookbinder, of Northampton, whose extreme puritanism (including involvement in the printing of the Marprelate Tracts) forced him to leave Northampton and settle in B.; 'God's Husbandry: The First Part' and 'The New Birth', by William Wheatley, were printed by Sharpe in B., 1619; his wife Anne was one of nine parishioners charged, by Commissary Oliver Lloyd, with the destruction (c.1610) of 'diverse goodlie statues or monuments' adorning the outside of the walls of the parish church of B. (MS. Oxf. Dioc., c.94, ff. 98-99v); she had also been presented (15 March 1620/1) for sitting at communion (Peyton, p.215).

³⁸² No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; will, dated 6 November 1630; inv., undated, proved and exhib., 16 May 1631 (*W. & I.* 2, No. 311, **Boner**).

³⁸³ Bur. 22 February 1630/1 (**Nicholes**), will proved in P.C.C. 1631 [81 St. John, as **Nicols**]; B. Corp., Burgess (by 1597), Alderman (by 1605-31), Chamberlain (1598-1601), Bailiff (1605-6), Mayor (1614-5, 1624-5), Bridgemaster (1608-9, 1611-2, 1613-4, 1618-20), Overseer of the Poor (1612-3), J.P. (1627-8); *B.C.R.* for biography (pp. 316-7), pedigrees (pp. 271, 274).

³⁸⁴ William H., bur. 3 May 1631 (**Halhed**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 323 (**Halhed**).

Anne Smith, wife of Matthew Smith, against John Hull: defamation: Hull cited to appear 18th May between 2 and 5 p.m. in the Church of Banbury: fees owing.

Anne Smith, wife of Matthew Smith, against John Hull: defamation: appeared Hull and alleged 'that he was warned to be here at this time and place to answer the said Smith in a pretended cause of defamation'; petitioned dismissal with expenses: the Judge so decreed: Anne monished to pay them before the Feast of Holy Trinity next.

[f.84v] [blank].

[f.85]

Banbury, 4th August, 1631.

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, between 1 and 3 p.m. on Thursday, 4th August, 1631, before the venerable man Mr Swiett, Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Arthur Beard, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Beard at the Castle of Banbury: excommunicated.

Against Richard Crosby: incontinence with Marian Drinkwater: penance.

Against Philip Sharp: swearing: excommunicated.

Against John Kymble: same cause: to certify the revocation of penance.

Against Richard Jemson: same cause: similarly.

Against William Styles: 'for grinding constantly upon the sabbath': similarly.

Against John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Burrowes, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Burrowes: did not appear: penalty postponed.

The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:

Against William Jarvis: 'for absence from service upon the Sabbath since the last court': excommunicated: 'he is twice excommunicated upon former presentments'.³⁸⁵

Against Robert Abbotte: same cause: excommunicated.

[f.85v]

Against Zachariah Beenam: same cause: similarly.

Against Richard Bull, senior: 'for swearing and for not receiving': excommunicated.

The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:

Against Thomas Allen: temerarious administration of the goods of William Whitston who died within the Castle of Banbury: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mr Robert French, son³⁸⁶ and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margery Nayler, widow: excommunication did not go forth.

Against Robert Coles of Huscote: absence from service and driving cattle to a fair: to certify penance.

Against Thomas, son of Humphrey Robins: incontinence with an unknown one: excommunicated.

³⁸⁵ ff. 62, 67v, 69, 79, 79v, 80v.

³⁸⁶ Presumably, son-in-law - sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters were often so called in instances in which, today, we would add 'in-law'.

[f.86]

The Detections exhibited 3rd September, 1630:

Against Organ Nichols and Margaret his wife, temerarious occupiers of the goods of Anne Wing, widow: 4th August, 1630, administration granted to Organ Nichols: received 3s.6d.

Against Alice, relict and occupier of the goods of William Leeson of Grimsbury: committed to appear before Mr Wheatley, substitute.

Against John Russell: incontinence with Barbara Robins: excommunicated: received [no sum named].

Against William Millett: incontinence with Marian Drinkwater: excommunicated.

Against the said Marian Drinkwater: same cause: 'and she is before excommunicated in a cause of incontinence with Richard Crosby':³⁸⁷ excommunicated.

Against Daniel Dodson: setting a servant and a thatcher to work on Michaelmas Day: appeared: monished 'to declare the labourer's name that thatched upon his house, according to his former confession made in this cause': he refused: excommunicated.

[f.86v]

Against Alice Rowsham of Neithrop, now of King's Sutton, illicitly pregnant in the house of [blank] Long, widow, of Neithrop: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Matthew Long of Neithrop: fame of incontinence with the said Alice: had been ordered to purge with four: did not appear: [excommunicated s.t.]:³⁸⁸ then appeared and offered as compurgators William Thorpe of Neithrop, John Churchill, John Richardes and John Kymble: they were not present in court³⁸⁹ and purgation was refused: ordered to receive penance between 8 and 9 a.m. on Saturday next: Long produced in church the same compurgators; purged: received 18s.6d. and 5s.

Against George Weston, brother and administrator of the goods of Thomas Weston: to account: excommunicated.

Against John Gardiner, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Gardiner of Hardwick: excommunicated.

Against Gamaliel, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Mr John Nichols: excommunicated.

Against Sarah Hollyhead, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Mr William Hollyhead: cited: 'remember the fees unpaid by Mr. Hollyhead':

[f.87]

Against Edward, son of Frances Weston: incontinence with a servant of Mistress Hawten: not certifying penance: excommunicated: fees owing.

Against Elizabeth, servant of Mistress Hawten: same cause: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against George Claridge of Neithrop: incontinence with Anne Long: sought: 'This cause is warned'³⁹⁰ to Cropredy court'.

Against the aforesaid Anne Long of the same: same cause: sought: similarly as above.

³⁸⁷ f.55v.

³⁸⁸ Probably deleted at the close of the case.

³⁸⁹ Probably, this does not mean that all four were absent.

³⁹⁰ = referred.

Against Giles Newland, servant of Mistress Hawten: incontinence with Margaret Mills: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the same Margaret Mills: same cause: did not appear: excommunicated.

[87v]

Elizabeth Wheatley, wife of John Wheatley, against Edward Russell: defamation: Horne alleged he had certain necessary witnesses to prove his propositions, namely Hugh Gandy, Michael Stokes and Thomas Reynoldes: agreement reached.³⁹¹ 'Paid per Wheatley 14s'.

Mr Richard Ingram, M.A., Rector of Shenington, against John Crosse of Banbury: tithes: appeared. [Whole entry s.t., but outcome, 'pax', recorded.] Received 6s.

Against Samuel, son and executor of the will of Henry Sherwood:³⁹² will proved: received 3s.11½d.

Anne Smith, wife of Matthew Smith against John Hull: defamation: Anne had been monished to pay expenses of Hull before the feast of Holy Trinity: did not appear nor pay expenses: excommunicated: fees owing.

[f.88]

Against Thomas Charles of Neithrop and [blank], his wife: 'he married his wife of Charlton in [the] parish of King's Sutton, and he oweth the debt so belonging to the Minister and the parish clerk, vizt., 1s. to the Minister, 2d. the banns and 6d. the clerk's fee etc.': 'The licence is paid for by Mr Wheatley'.³⁹³

Against Mr George Philips: 'tearing certain pages out of the church book of cements and altering several rates agreed upon and entered in that book by increasing and decreasing some of these dues': appeared; denied: reserved until called again to see proof introduced.

Against John Richards, brother and executor of the will of Christian Richards of Neithrop:³⁹⁴ will proved: 3s.11½d.

Against Susan, wife of Richard French: did not appear: excommunicated.³⁹⁵

Against Elizabeth, relict and executrix of the will of William Tayler of Neithrop:³⁹⁶ will proved.

Against Agnes Tayler of Grimsbury, mother of Lawrence Tayler: appeared: the Judge ordered her to appear on the next Saturday at 8 a.m.: appeared: dismissed.

Against Edward Weston of Grimsbury, brother and occupier of the goods of Robert Weston:³⁹⁷ administration granted 7th August, 1631: to account.

³⁹¹ MS. 'pax'.

³⁹² Bur. 7 June 1631; *W. & I. 2*, No. 314; Aletaster (1588-9), Constable (1596-7); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.321). Samuel S.'s wife, Mary, had been presented (15 March 1620/1) for sitting at communion (Peyton, p.215).

³⁹³ There is no entry of the mar. in the Oxfordshire Mar. Index, or the King's Sutton parish regs. The *B. Mar. Reg.*, however, does record the mar. of Thomas Charles and Katherin Graves of Deddington on 18 June 1631.

³⁹⁴ Bur. 13 June 1631; *W. & I. 2*, No. 315.

³⁹⁵ No charge given, but see f.90.

³⁹⁶ Bur. 13 July 1631 (Tayler); *W. & I. 2*, No. 316 (Tayler).

³⁹⁷ Bur. 29 June 1631, 'son of Widdow Weston'; *W. & I. 2*, No. 319.

[f.88v]

Against Juliane, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Nicodemus White:³⁹⁸ administration granted to Juliane: to exhibit an inventory and an account.

Edward Russell against John Wheatley: defamation: agreement reached: received 2s. 'Search for the will of Anne Lord, widow,³⁹⁹ deceased about fourteen years since, and send the same to Mr Wheatley'.

[f.89]

Banbury, Monday, 24th October, 1631.

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury between 1 and 3 p.m. before the venerable man Mr Giles Sweit, M.A., Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

ODc. Arthur Beard, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Beard who died in the Castle of Banbury: excommunicated.

Against Richard Crosby: incontinence with Marian Drinkwater: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Philip Sharp: swearing: excommunicated.

Against John Kymble: same cause: to certify penance: Mr Drop⁴⁰⁰ certified penance and payment of fees.

Against Richard Jemson: same cause: similarly as above.

Against William Styles: 'for grinding constantly on the Sabbath': did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Burrowes: penalty postponed.

The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:

Against William Jarvis: absence from service: 'he is twice excommunicated upon former presentments',⁴⁰¹

Against Robert Abbotts: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Zachariah Beenam: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John King, slatter: incontinence with Elizabeth Barnes: excommunicated.

Against Richard Bull, senior: 'for swearing and for not receiving': excommunicated.

³⁹⁸ Bur. 2 August 1631; *W & I* 2, No. 320.

³⁹⁹ *B. Reg.* records only the burial of an Anna **Lorde**, 20 October 1603. Interestingly, no fewer than five burials with the surname **Lorde** are recorded between 26 September and 8 October 1603 (Elizabeth, 26 September; Anna, 2 October; Ursula, 4 October; Ursula, 7 October, and Thomas, 8 October).

⁴⁰⁰ Presumably, Thomas **Drope**, the belligerent Rector of Aynho, Northants. (1588-1633); he was a fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, B.D., and prebendary of Wells Cathedral (in plurality with Aynho) (see Susan Ransom, 'Squire Cartwright and Parson Drope', *C. & C.*, Vol. 4, No. 5 (Autumn, 1969), pp. 67-73; and Nicholas Cooper, *Aynho: A Northamptonshire Village*, B.H.S. vol. 20 (1984)). There was also a Thomas Drope - another Magdalen man - Rector of Ardley, Oxon. (1629-33) and Vicar of Cumnor, Berks. (1633-44). See Foster, I, 426.

⁴⁰¹ See f.85, Note 385.

[f.89v]

The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:

Against Thomas Allen, temerarious administrator of William Whitston, died in the Castle of Banbury: appeared; answered 'that no part of his goods came into his hands': dismissed: received 2s.

Against Thomas, son of Humphrey Robins: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

The Detections exhibited 3rd December, 1630:

Against John Russell: incontinence with Barbara Robins: excommunicated.

Against William Millett: incontinence with Marian Drinkwater: excommunicated.

Against Marian Drinkwater: same cause: 'She is before excommunicated in a cause of incontinence with Richard Crosby'.⁴⁰²

Against Daniel Dodson: having his servant thatching his house on Michaelmas Day: 'He sayeth that Richard Raynbowe was the thatcher': absolved, dismissed, 23rd April 1632.

Against Alice Rowsham of Neithrop, now of King's Sutton, illicitly pregnant in the house of Long, widow, of Neithrop: excommunication not issued.

Against George Weston, brother and administrator of the goods of Thomas Weston: not accounting: excommunicated.

Against John Gardiner, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Gardiner of Hardwick: excommunicated.

Against Gamaliel, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of John Nichols: appeared: exhibited will proved in the Prerogative Court: received 2s.6d.

Against Sarah Hollyhead, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Mr William Hollyhead: exhibited inventory to the sum of £163.19s.:⁴⁰³ administration granted: account exhibited: received 11s.3d.

[f.90]

Against Edward, son of Frances Weston: incontinence with a servant of Mistress Hawten: excommunicated: received 6d., owes 5s.7d.

Against the said Elizabeth: same cause: excommunicated.

Against George Claridge of Neithrop: incontinence with Anne Long: sought.

Against the said Anne Long: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Giles Newland, servant of Mistress Hawten: incontinence with Margaret Mills: excommunicated: received 5s.

Against the said Margaret Mills: same cause: excommunicated.

Anne Smith, wife of Matthew Smith, against John Hull: defamation: excommunication against Anne Smith: received 5s.

Against Thomas Charles of Neithrop: to pay 1s. to the Minister of King's Sutton, 2d. for the banns and 2d. to the clerk: the wife cited and the husband sought.

⁴⁰² See f.86, Note 387.

⁴⁰³ *W. & I.* 2, No. 323.

Against Susan, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Richard French:⁴⁰⁴ appeared: exhibited inventory to sum of £33.12s.8d.: administration granted: received 3s.11d.

Against Edward Weston, brother and administrator of the goods of Robert Weston: to account: did not appear: excommunicated.

[f.90v]

Churchwardens and Sidesmen for the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury called for Visitation.

Churchwardens for the town of Banbury:

Mr Ralph Drope: appeared; refused to take the oath; suspended.

Mr Aholiab West: appeared; refused to take the oath; suspended.

Mr George Phillips: did not appear; not to be dismissed before this day month.

For the outside parts:

Richard Southam: appeared and sworn.

John Banister: did not appear; suspended.

Sidesmen for the town:

John Terrey: appeared; refused.

Richard Hollyhead: appeared and sworn.

William Hawkins: did not appear; suspended.

Ralph Ashmole: appeared; sworn.

For the outside parts:

Richard Kyte: appeared; sworn.

Robert Gibbard: did not appear; suspended.

Against Mr Daniel Currey, curate of Banbury:⁴⁰⁵ 'he executeth the office of the Assistent⁴⁰⁶ in Banbury, refusing his election and approbation thereto by the Ordinary of the place': did not appear: suspended. Afterwards on the same day he appeared and exhibited letters of admission⁴⁰⁷ obtained from Lewis, Bishop of Bangor,⁴⁰⁸ 20th [month?] 1629 and letter of ordination to the priesthood⁴⁰⁹ from the same bishop 1st November, 1629.

⁴⁰⁴ Bur. 10 July 1631; *W. & L.* 2, No. 312.

⁴⁰⁵ Daniel Curra or Curey, m. Mary, dau. of Philip Ward, 14 January 1629/30; two daughters - Mary (bap. 27 September 1631) and Deborah (bap. 8 October 1633). He is not listed in Foster, Venn, or Canon Oldfield's list of Oxon. clergy.

⁴⁰⁶ Sidesman; see f.11, Note 90.

⁴⁰⁷ A clerk is admitted to a benefice 'when the Bishop upon examination approves of the presentee as a fit person to serve the cure to which he is presented' (R. Phillimore, *Ecclesiastical Law of the Church of England* (1895)).

⁴⁰⁸ Lewis Baylie: Exeter College, Oxford; B.D., 25 June 1611; D.D., 21 June 1613; Bishop of Bangor, 18 November 1616 (election) until his death, 26 October 1631 (Foster).

⁴⁰⁹ Letters of Orders.

[f.91]

Against Susan Reasing, widow, temerarious occupier of the goods of William Reasing:⁴¹⁰ appeared; exhibited an inventory to the sum of £11.5s.6d.: administration granted: received 3s.11d.

Against Juliane White, widow, temerarious occupier of the goods of Nicodemus White: appeared; exhibited inventory: administration granted: exhibited account: received 3s.11d.

Against Mary Crooke, widow, temerarious occupier of the goods of Richard Crooke:⁴¹¹ appeared; exhibited inventory to the sum of £14.10s.4d.: administration granted: received 3s.11d.

Against Robert Lamprey,⁴¹² temerarious occupier of the goods of Jane Guy, widow:⁴¹³ did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Anne Williams, widow, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Williams:⁴¹⁴ appeared; alleged 'that her husband, having goods outside this peculiar,⁴¹⁵ is warned to the Prerogative Court': ordered to prove her husband's will and take administration of his goods in the Prerogative Court before 1st December: received 4d.

Against Rebecca Perrin, widow, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Perrin:⁴¹⁶ appeared; exhibited inventory: administration granted: received [1s.5d. paid, d.].

Against Mr Besaleel Knight, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Mr William Knight:⁴¹⁷ appeared; alleged 'that he was to prove his father's will in the Prerogative': monished, as Anne Williams above.

Against Eleanor White, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas White:⁴¹⁸ appeared; exhibited inventory to sum of £27.7s.4d.:⁴¹⁹ administration granted: [received 10s for account, s.l.]

Against John Sparks of Hardwick: absence from church: appeared; answered 'that upon Sunday last was three weeks he hath been there present at prayers and not since and that once in three weeks before he hath usually resorted to this church, and when

⁴¹⁰ Bur. 18 July 1631; *W. & I. 2*, No. 313 (**Resone**); Taster of Victuals (1612-5); *B.C.R.* for biography (p. 319).

⁴¹¹ Bur. 10 August 1631 (**Croock**).

⁴¹² Taster of Victuals (1625-6, 1628-9, 1629-30); *B.C.R.* for biography (p. 313).

⁴¹³ Bur. 14 August 1631.

⁴¹⁴ Bur. 2 September 1631. Letters of admin. in P.C.C. 3 April 1632.

⁴¹⁵ i.e. bona notabilia.

⁴¹⁶ Bur. 8 September 1631; *W. & I. 2*, No. 322 (**Perren**); Sergeant-at-Mace (1623-31); *B.C.R.* for biography (p. 318).

⁴¹⁷ Bur. 19 September 1631; J.P. (1588-1628); B. Corp., Bailiff (1595-6, 1600-1), Chamberlain (1608-28), Town Clerk (1618); called before Privy Council for refusing to pay Forced Loan, 5 February 1627; *B.C.R.* for biography (p. 313), pedigrees (pp. 271, 277). Will proved in P.C.C. [120 St. John]. By far the most influential man in early seventeenth century Banbury.

⁴¹⁸ *B. Reg.* records burial of a Thomas **Whyt**, 11 February 1624/5.

⁴¹⁹ The inv. (*W. & I. 2*, No. 321), in fact, totals £27.4s.4d.

he is not there he is at Hanwell church':⁴²⁰ received 3s.6d.

[f.91v]

Against Mr Richard Vivers: 'for not mending the chancel windows': did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Styles, miller: 'for grinding upon the Sabbath': appeared and confessed: received 3s.6d.

Against Richard Hall, administrator of the will of Elizabeth Hall, widow:⁴²¹ to be sought.

Against John Pedley: 'for laying violently hands upon Susan French, widow, making her to bleed at the mouth in an arrest made by him in Banbury churchyard by the setting on of John Stukeley': did not appear: to be cited.

Fulk Wing: died intestate.⁴²² 22nd February, 1631, commission from Mr Wheatley, Vicar of Banbury, decreeing an oath to Mr Richard Vivers to administer the goods faithfully.

[f.92]

Banbury, Monday 21st April, 1632.

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury between 12 and 3 p.m. before Giles Sweit in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

Churchwardens and sidesmen elected for the current year 1632:

Churchwardens: Mr Richard Hollyhead.

Mr Nathaniel Hill.

Mr John Terrey.

John Kymble.

Robert Gibbard; all sworn: received 1s.

Sidesmen: William Wheatley.⁴²³

Lawrence Blithe.⁴²⁴

William Robins.

Anthony Hawle.

Nicholas Ewicke of Neithrop.

John Bull, junior, of Neithrop:⁴²⁵ all sworn.

⁴²⁰ Hanwell had become a centre of puritan influence, due to the preaching of John **Dod** (1549-1645; Rector 1585-1605); deprived of the living in 1605 for his nonconformity, **Dod** was succeeded by Robert **Harris** (1578-1658; Rector 1605-42), who m. Joan, sister of William **Wheatley**, Vicar of B. The preaching of **Harris** and **Wheatley** attracted 'troops of Christians' from many miles around - 'What a fair of souls was then held at Hanwell and Banbury by these two brothers! How did religion flourish! how did professors thrive' (William Durham, *The Life and Death of that Judicious Divine... Robert Harris* (1660)). See also Beesley, pp. 283-90; Benjamin Brook, *The Lives of Puritans* (1813), 3, pp. 1-6 (Dod), pp. 303-8 (Harris).

⁴²¹ Bur. 19 October 1631.

⁴²² Bur. 22 October 1631; Constable (1611-2), Tithingman (1612-3).

⁴²³ 1604-58: Tithingman (1634-5, 1635-6), Constable (1637-8, 1638-9); B. Corp., Burgess (from 1639/40), Alderman (1643-58), Bridgemaster (1643-50), Mayor (1648-9); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.328), pedigrees (pp. 272, 273).

⁴²⁴ Laurance **Blyth**, d. 1667 and 'buried in the Quakers' house yard', 7 May.

⁴²⁵ See f.60, excommunicated for drunkenness.

[f.92v]

ODc. Arthur Beard: temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Beard who died in the Castle: excommunicated.

Against Richard Crosby: incontinence with Marian Drinkwater: excommunicated.

Against Philip Sharp: swearing: excommunicated.

Against William Styles: 'for grinding constantly upon the sabbath day': excommunicated for not certifying performance of revocation.

Against John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Burrowes, relict and administratrix of the goods of John Burrowes: [no entry].

The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:

Against William Jarvis: 'for absence from divine service': excommunicated: 'he is twice excommunicated upon former presentments'.⁴²⁶

Against Robert Abbots: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Zachariah Beenam: same cause: excommunicated.

[f.93]

Against John King: incontinence with Elizabeth Barnes: remains excommunicated.

Against Richard Bull, senior: 'for swearing and for not receiving': remains excommunicated.

The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:

Against Thomas, son of Humphrey Robins: incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

The Detections exhibited 3rd December, 1630:

Against John Russell: incontinence with Barbara Robins: excommunicated.

Against William Millett: incontinence with Marian Drinkwater: excommunicated.

Against the said Marian Drinkwater: same cause: 'she is before exonerated in a cause of incontinence with Richard Crosby'.

Against Alice Rowsham of Neithrop, now of King's Sutton: illicitly pregnant in the house of Long, widow of Neithrop: excommunicated.

[f.93v]

Against George Weston, brother and administrator of the goods of Thomas Weston: a cause of account: excommunicated.

Against John Gardiner, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Gardiner of Hardwick: excommunicated.

Against Edward, son of Frances Weston: incontinence with Elizabeth, servant of Mistress Hawten: admitted and 'believes that he was the father of her child': owes 5s.7d.

Against the same Frances Weston: suspended.

Against the same Elizabeth: same cause: excommunicated.

Against George Claridge of Neithrop: incontinence with Anne Long: 'ordered in Cropredy court'.

Against the same Anne Long: same cause: excommunicated.

⁴²⁶ ff. 85, 89.

Against Margaret, servant of Mistress Hawten: incontinence with Giles Newland: excommunicated.

Against Thomas Charles of Neithrop: 'oweth 1s. to the Minister of King's Sutton, 2d. for the banns making and 6d. for the clerk': similarly against Claridge.

[f.94]

Against Susan, relict and administratrix of the goods of Richard French: for account: appeared: to comply.

Against Edward Weston, brother and administrator of the goods of Robert Weston: account: excommunicated: received 10s.

Against Susan Reason, relict and administratrix of the goods of William Reason: account: appeared: to exhibit account before recess.

Against Mary Crooke, widow, relict and administratrix of the goods of Richard Crooke: appeared: to exhibit account before recess.

Against Robert Lamprey, temerarious occupier of the goods of Jane Guy, widow: appeared: exhibited inventory to the sum of £1.10s. 'whereof he bestowed £1.2s. in the burial of the said deceased and 5s. for a stone for her grave': received 4s.

Against Anne Williams, widow, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Williams: to exhibit will proved in Prerogative Court: did not appear: excommunicated.

[f.94v]

Against Rebecca Perryn, widow, relict and administratrix of the goods of Thomas Perrin: account: appeared: to exhibit account before recess.

Against Mr Richard Vivers: 'for not mending the chancel windows': excommunication not issued.

Against the same Mr Vivers, administrator of Fulk Wing: cited for account: fees owing for renunciation, commission, administration, account.

Against William Styles, miller: 'for grinding upon the Sabbath': did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Richard Hall, executor of Elizabeth Hall, widow: to accept or refuse: did not appear: excommunicated: absolved.

[f.95]

Against Thomas Dumbleton: incontinence with Mary, his wife, before marriage:⁴²⁷ did not perform penance: excommunicated: received 8s.

Against aforesaid Mary Dumbleton: same cause: penance certified but did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Anne Dodson, mother and executrix of Daniel Dodson,⁴²⁸ pauper: appeared: exhibited will proved in Prerogative Court: received 3s.6d.

Against Joan Huntley, widow, relict and executrix of William Huntley:⁴²⁹ appeared: exhibited inventory to sum of £3: received 1s.

⁴²⁷ Thomas D. m. Mary Bull, 14 February 1632/3; according to the *B. Reg.*, Thomas, their first child, was bap. 31 May 1635 (and bur. 4 July 1635).

⁴²⁸ Bur. 27 May 1633.

⁴²⁹ Bur. 5 September 1633 (Huntly).

Against Susan Austin, alias Smith, of Pillerton, executrix of Elizabeth Austin, widow:⁴³⁰ [no entry].

The will of Daniel Dodson exhibited proved in the Prerogative Court.⁴³¹

The will of Barbara White proved.⁴³²

Paid through Mr Wheatley for one licence.⁴³³

Paid for the certificate of the excommunication of George Weston.⁴³⁴

Mary Humphreys, spinster, intestate:⁴³⁵ administration to James Humphreys, brother, of Chacombe, Northants; as this was outside the peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, assigned for his citation the house of William Johnson, victualler, in Banbury; introduced as surety Thomas French of Coton in the parish of Cropredy, yeoman, 8th November, 1633, before Mr John French, M.A., substitute.⁴³⁶

[f.95v] [Blank].

[f.96]

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury, 6th November, 1632, before Mr Wheatley, substitute of Mr Sweit.⁴³⁷ In the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

Churchwardens: Mr Richard Hollyhead.

Mr Nathaniel Hill.

Mr John Terrey: received 6d.

John Kymble.

Robert Gibbard.

Sidesmen: William Wheatley.

Lawrence Blythe.

William Robins.

Anthony Hall.

Nicholas Crooke.

John Bull.

ODc. Arthur Beard, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Beard, died in the Castle: certificate of excommunication returned.

Against Richard Crosby: incontinence with Mary Drinkwater: certificate of excommunication returned.

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Against Philip Sharp: swearing: certificate of excommunication returned.

Against William Styles: 'for grinding constantly upon the Sabbath': excommunicated for not returning certificate: returned.

⁴³⁰ Bur. 10 February 1631/2. Will pr. in P.C.C. 2 May 1633 by dau. Susan [46 Russell] but named 'Anne'.

⁴³¹ Bur. 27 May 1633; he left money to provide for puritan preaching and preachers, for the poor (£3) and the parish church (40s. 'toward the buying of any land for the use of the same'); will proved in P.C.C. [64 Russell] (*W. & I.* 2, p. 164).

⁴³² Bur. 11 March 1632/3; *W. & I.* 2, No. 333; will proved 20 May 1633.

⁴³³ No amount recorded.

⁴³⁴ No amount recorded.

⁴³⁵ Bur. 4 November, 1633 (*Humphris*), 'servant of Andrewe Ansloe'.

⁴³⁶ Inv. (*Humphris*), undated, exhib. 21 October 1633, at B. by James H. (*W. & I.* 2, No. 336).

⁴³⁷ MS. reads 'inter hor.', but no hours given.

Against John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Burrowes, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of John Burrowes: appeared before Mr Lovell,⁴³⁸ substitute, decreed him absolved, 'the said John undertaking that the account shall be passed [at] the next court without fail'.⁴³⁹

The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:

Against Robert Abbotts: absence from service: certificate of denunciation⁴⁴⁰ of excommunication returned.

Against Zachariah Beenam: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John King: incontinence with Elizabeth Barnes: remains excommunicated.

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Against Richard Bull, sen.: swearing and not receiving: remains excommunicated.

Against Thomas, son of Humphrey Robins: presented 2nd April, 1630, for incontinence with one unknown: excommunicated.

The Detections exhibited 3rd December, 1630:

Against John Russell: incontinence with Barbara Robins: excommunication certificate returned.

Against William Millett: incontinence with Mary Drinkwater: excommunication certificate returned.

Against the said Mary Drinkwater: same cause: remains excommunicated for incontinence with Richard Crosby: excommunicated.

Against Alice Rowsham of Neithrop, now of King's Sutton: illicitly pregnant in the house of Long of Neithrop: excommunicated.

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Against George Weston, brother and administrator of Thomas Weston: to account: excommunicated: certificate of excommunication returned.

Against John Gardiner, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Gardiner of Hardwick: excommunicated: certificate of excommunication returned.

[*Against* George Claridge of Neithrop: incontinence with Anne Long, *s.t.*]

[*Against* aforesaid Anne: same cause: as above, *s.t.*]

'Ordered in Cropredy book, their dwelling place being at Little Bourton'.

Against Margaret, servant of Mistress Hawten: incontinence with Giles Newland: excommunicated: certificate returned.

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Against Susanna Reason, relict and administratrix of William Reason: to account: excommunicated.

Against Anne Williams, widow, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Williams: excommunicated: certificate returned.

⁴³⁸ Benjamin Lovell: B.A., Merton College, Oxford; ordained December 1628; subscription as curate and schoolmaster of Horley, 30 July 1629; subscription M.A. as curate of Shutford, 10 November 1634 (Oldfield; not listed in Foster). Record in Horley Reg. of baptism of two sons - Robert, 21 May 1630, and John, 25 March 1635.

⁴³⁹ See f.102v.

⁴⁴⁰ i.e. publication, declaration.

Against Rebecca Perrin, widow and administratrix of Thomas Perrin: to account: excommunicated: absolved.

Against Mr Richard Vivers, administrator of Fulk Wing: to account: cited.

Against the same: 'for not mending the chancel windows': cited.

Against Richard Hall, executor of Elizabeth Hall, widow: excommunicated: certificate returned: absolved.

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Against occupiers of the goods of Alice Jones, former servant of Mr Archer: 'her father dwells at Finmere whither he carried all the goods':⁴⁴¹ excommunicated.

Against George Tong, occupier of the goods of Rebecca Wells:⁴⁴² did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Frances, relict of John Weston:⁴⁴³ did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Styles and George Phillips, temerarious occupiers of the goods of William Higgins,⁴⁴⁴ lately servant of William Styles: to account: appeared Phillips; exhibited inventory for the sum of £1.13s.8d., 'whereof he hath paid the fees of the administration and desireth to be allowed to himself the rest or residue of the inventory towards the payment of the debts due unto him, being £1.15s. or thereabouts': received 1s.6d.

Against Susan Austin, executrix of [blank]⁴⁴⁵ Austin, widow; she lives at Pillerton, married to a certain Smith: certificate of excommunication returned.

Against George Weston, brother and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margery Weston:⁴⁴⁶ certificate of excommunication returned.

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Against Edward Sheppard, servant of Mr Bosse: 'for harrowing upon St. Matthew's day last was twelvemonth': appeared; acknowledged 'that upon the day articulate'⁴⁴⁷ he did harrow in the evening after prayer and he was not at common prayers that day in the church, neither morning nor evening, and which he did without his master's consent': received 3s.6d.

Mr Richard Ingram against [blank] Crosse: tithe: agreement reached.

[Against John Pedley: 'he entertained William Pratchett, slatter, to work at his trade in his house upon St. Matthew's Day last was twelve month. The said Pedley did lay violent hands upon Susan French, widow, making her to bleed at the mouth in an arrest made by him upon her in Banbury Churchyard.' s.t.]

⁴⁴¹ Bur. 29 October 1631; *W. & I.* 2, No. 324, 'servant of Mr. J. **Archar**' of Neithrop, 'deceased 28 October 1631'. 'All which sayd goods were rendred into the hands of Isaac **Jones** of Fynmer hir father, from whom she had the same' (inv, dated 28 October 1631; *P.C.B.*, p.39).

⁴⁴² Bur. 21 November 1631 (Rebecca **Webb**).

⁴⁴³ Bur. 22 November 1631; will proved in P.C.C. [110 Audley]; (*W. & I.* 2, p.164).

⁴⁴⁴ Bur. 18 December 1631.

⁴⁴⁵ Elizabeth (or Anne - see Note 430)..

⁴⁴⁶ Bur. 2 March 1631/2; will proved in P.C.C. [10 Russell].

⁴⁴⁷ i.e. stated.

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Against Elizabeth, relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Richard Hadley:⁴⁴⁸ ('Query whether this was not dispatched at the last court'): appeared before Mr Lovell, substitute; exhibited will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury: absolved: received 5s.

Against Anthony Bishop, lately of Wroxton: incontinence with Isabel Feild: excommunicated.

Against the aforesaid Isabel: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Robert Davyes:⁴⁴⁹ incontinence with Joan Dawson: excommunicated.

Against the same Joan Dawson: same cause: excommunicated.

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Against William Burrowes: 'constantly absent from church':⁴⁵⁰ excommunicated: 'he is a prisoner of the High Commission Court,⁴⁵¹ being an Anabaptist'.⁴⁵²

Against Basil Sargeant of Warkworth and Dorothy his wife: incontinence before marriage: appeared; acknowledged 'that he and the said Dorothy, his wife, have committed incontinency together before their intermarriage, which their marriage solemnized within these last five weeks'⁴⁵³ by licence from the Ordinary of this place in Banbury Church, she, the said Dorothy, being at such time of their incontinency together his household servant, who dwelt with him for two years or thereabouts before their marriage': penance: received 9s.

⁴⁴⁸ Bur. 1 November 1631; Tithingman (1628-9, 1629-30), Constable (?1631-2); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.308); will proved in P.C.C. [67 Audley]. Elizabeth H. m. Mathew White, 28 May 1635.

⁴⁴⁹ m. Margaret Wamesley (Wamesle) 16 August 1621.

⁴⁵⁰ William B. had been presented in 1624 for his 'mayntayninge of ffreese opyneon' (Peyton, p.218).

⁴⁵¹ The ecclesiastical commissions to establish religious conformity and the royal supremacy in the Church, given statutory authority in 1559 (Act of Supremacy, 1 Elizabeth I, c.1), were consolidated in 1580 in the Court of High Commission, which met regularly in London from that date on. It was generally popular, but it did arouse the hostility of puritanism and the Common Law, and was abolished by the Long Parliament in 1641 (16 Charles I, c.11) (see G.R. Elton, *The Tudor Constitution* (1962), pp. 217-21; 1883 Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, Vol. I, p. xl).

⁴⁵² Anabaptist sects had spread in the early sixteenth century through Switzerland, Central and Eastern Europe, the Netherlands and into England during Henry VIII's reign. They did not form an organized group with common ideas, other than the belief that, in religion, the sole authority is the individual conscience; most rejected infant baptism in favour of adult baptism on profession of faith ('anabaptist' means 're-baptized'); they also preached equality, common ownership of goods and rejected any secular interference in matters of religion; some denied the Incarnation.

They were harshly persecuted, because their views - not least on the redistribution of property - threatened the established order of society; in England, they were excluded from the Acts of general pardon, 32 Henry VIII, c.49, and 3 Edward VI, c.24. (see A.G. Dickens, *The English Reformation* (1966), pp. 236-8, 251-2, 322-3). In his poem 'Iter Boreale' (written between 1618 and 1621) Richard Corbet refers to the destruction of B.'s crosses and to Wheatley's sermons and implies that there were, at that time, Anabaptist meetings being held in the town (*V.C.H.* 10, p.8). For the destruction of the two market crosses in B. see P.D.A. Harvey, 'Where were Banbury's Crosses?', *C. & C.*, Vol. 3, No. 10 (Winter 1967), pp. 183-91.

⁴⁵³ m. 6 October 1632 (Bazill Sarjant and Dorothy Savage); according to the *B. Reg.*, Richard, their first child, was bap. 19 June 1636.

Against Richard Plumpton: 'presented for being absent from church at church time, he and Mary, wife of Thomas Huckell⁴⁵⁴ were privately together in a room by themselves upon Sunday the ...' [*unfinished*]: appeared 8th November, 1632, before Mr Wheatley, substitute; answered 'that he was not at any time in any private or suspicious manner with the said Mary Huckell at the house, or in any other place, neither did they at any time commit any unchaste or incontinent act together. But he confesseth that upon a Sunday this last summer, in the afternoon, he went to the house, where he stayed in the kitchen there in her company and her husband's for some time before common prayers, and, the husband being gone to church, he continued there some longer time, her maidservant and her children being present, and the churchwardens being come to the door while he was there, he to avoid their presentment for being absent from divine service, went forth a back way, and so to church and thither was come before the sermon was begun': received 4s.6d.

Against the aforesaid Mary Huckell: same cause: appeared before Mr Wheatley, substitute, in his house, 7th November 1632; replied 'that upon a Sunday in the afternoon this last summer the said Richard Plumpton came to her house, where he stayed some part of the evening prayers with her in the kitchen, her maidservant and her children also being with them in the same room, and all the time of the said Plumpton's being there, her husband also having left them there when he went that afternoon to church, and herself not being well at that time to go to church, she thereupon was absent that day, evening and morning, from common prayers, and she denieth that she and the said Plumpton were privately by themselves in any private room, that any unchaste act was then, or at any other [time], committed between them': received 14s.

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Against Mr William Knight: 'most commonly absent from church upon Sunday mornings': sought.

Against Margaret, wife of Richard Crosby, alias Essex: 'absent from church divers Sundays': appeared; answered 'that she being lame and having none else to dress the victuals for [her] husband and herself, she thereupon hath been constrained to be absent sometimes from divine service' and submits: dismissed with a monition: pauper.

Against Alice Jordan: same cause: appeared; answered 'that some Sabbath days being not able to go to Church she hath been absent there at service times'.

Against John Long: same cause: cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Robert Wilkins: same cause: sought.

Against John Bull, senior, of Nethercote: same cause: sought.

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Against Robert,⁴⁵⁵ occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Neale, widow:⁴⁵⁶ appeared before Mr Wheatley, substitute, 7th November, 1632: received 8s.

⁴⁵⁴ Sergeant-at-Mace (1626-7, 1628-9, 1630-1, 1632-3, 1633-4, 1637-8, 1654), Taster of Victuals (1646-9); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.312); Mary Bently, his second wife, he m. 4 December 1631.

⁴⁵⁵ Robert Neale, s. of Elizabeth N.; Taster of Victuals (1632-3, 1636-7); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.316).

⁴⁵⁶ Bur. 18 May 1632; *W. & I.* 2, No. 332.

*Against [blank]*⁴⁵⁷ occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Daunt, widow: ⁴⁵⁸ sought: excommunicated.

*Against [blank]*⁴⁵⁹ occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Wyse, widow: ⁴⁶⁰ sought: excommunicated.

Against Richard Harrys, son, executor and temerarious occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Harrys, widow: ⁴⁶¹ sought: excommunicated.

Against George, son and occupier of the goods of Humphrey Tongue: ⁴⁶² sought: excommunicated.

Against [blank] occupier of the goods of Mathew Cooke, ⁴⁶³ alias Smith: sought: excommunicated.

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[Mr Aholiab West, Mr George Philips, churchwardens for the year preceding: 'they have not as yet perfected their presentment' *s.t.*]

'Alice Jarvis of Banbury, now the wife of Richard Peedle of the same, tailor, married to him seven years since, ⁴⁶⁴ had children before by [blank] Jarvis who lived a while with her as her husband and was alive at Midsummer last'.

George Weston, executor of Margery Weston, against James Fletcher: temerarious administration: to be cited.

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Banbury, 20th May, 1633.

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury between 9 and 12 a.m. before Mr Francis Little, ⁴⁶⁵ M.A., substitute of Mr Giles Sweit, Doctor of Law, ⁴⁶⁶ in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

⁴⁵⁷ Anthony **Daunt**, s. of Elizabeth D.

⁴⁵⁸ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*

⁴⁵⁹ Joan **Smalebone**.

⁴⁶⁰ Bur. 25 May 1632 (**Wise**).

⁴⁶¹ Bur. 4 September 1632 (**Harris**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 330 (**Harrison**).

⁴⁶² Bur. 23 September 1632.

⁴⁶³ Bur. 1 October 1632.

⁴⁶⁴ No entry in *B. Mar. Reg.*

⁴⁶⁵ Possibly, Francis **Little** of Berks., who matriculated at Christ Church College, Oxford, 14 February 1611/2, aged 16; B.A., 7 July 1615; M.A., 19 May 1618; deacon, 19 September 1619; priest, 17 March 1622 (Foster). He was curate of Cowley, Oxon., for at least the period c.1625-30, but there is no evidence of his holding an appointment in or near B. after that date. Foster suggests that Little was 'perhaps vicar of Kildwick, Yorks., 1631'; there is no evidence from the Institution Act Books to support this, although he did sign the parish register transcripts (bishop's transcripts) for Kildwick in 1631, 1635, 1662-7 and 1669, but not those extant for 1632, 1633, 1635, 1636, 1638 and 1639. The visitation of 1632 for Kildwick with Broughton records that Little 'exhibited his qualifications under the seal at arms of William Paget, Baron Beudesart, bearing date 24 May 1631, and the royal dispensation, 1 July 1631 (V. 1632/Exh. Bk., f.44), while the 1640 visitation entry is 'Kildwick with Broughton, Francis Little, vicar there' (V.1640/Exh.Bk.). He was 'sequestered divers years for loyalty to Charles I' (A.G. Matthews, *Calamy Revised* (1948), p.395), and Thomas Dunham Whittaker, *History of Craven*, p.150, gives the years of his incumbency of Kildwick as 1661-78; the parish register records the burial of Francis Little, vicar of Kildwick, 19 June 1678.

⁴⁶⁶ D.C.L., St. Mary Hall, Oxford, 30 June 1632.

Banbury: Mr. William Wheatley, Vicar.

Churchwardens for 1632: Mr Richard Hollyed.

Mr Nathaniel Hill.

Mr John Terrey.

John Kymble.

Robert Gibbard.

Churchwardens for 1633: Mr Hollyed and Hill again sworn for the current year; John Terrey cited; did not appear; excommunicated; Kymble and Gibbard sworn.

Sidesmen for 1632: William Wheatley.

Lawrence Blithe.

William Robins.

Anthony Hall.

Nicholas Ewick.

John Ball.⁴⁶⁷

Sidesmen for 1633: Wheatley, Blithe and Robins cited; excommunicated; Hall and Ewick sought; afterwards appeared Wheatley, Blithe, Robins, Ewick and Ball and were sworn.

Against Richard Crosby: incontinence with Mary Drinkwater: absolved 21st May, 1633: penance certified 26th May.

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ODc. John Walmesley, surety for Sarah Burrowes, relict and administratrix of John Burrowes: 'he hath affirmed and undertaken that the said account shall be passed this court day without fail': appeared and exhibited account of Sarah Burrowes, alias Ham, now wife of Henry Ham,⁴⁶⁸ clerk, of Hardwick in the county of Gloucester: [received £1.13s.4d. s.t.]

Against Zachariah Beenam: 'for absence from divine service': excommunicated.

Against John King: incontinence with Elizabeth Barnes: remains excommunicated: significavit⁴⁶⁹ to be petitioned.

Against Alice Rowsham of Neithrop, now of King's Sutton: illicitly pregnant in the house of Long, widow of Neithrop: excommunicated.

Against George Weston, brother and administrator of Thomas Weston: [no entry].

Against the same George Weston, brother and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margery Weston: [no entry].

⁴⁶⁷ May have been the John B. presented by the CWs., 9 March 1609/10, 'for procuring the Bell to be knoled for John Smith in mockery' (Peyton, p.205).

⁴⁶⁸ Henry Ham, of co. Gloucester; Broadgates Hall, Oxford; matriculated, 12 June 1618, aged 17; B.A., 1 February 1619/20 (Foster).

⁴⁶⁹ If an excommunicate persisted in his disobedience for forty days or more, the Church had the right to apply to the secular arm for his arrest. The excommunicate 'shall, at the request of his proper diocesan, be arrested and imprisoned by a writ of *de excommunicato capiendo* directed to the sheriff; but first there ought to be a certificate from such diocesan under his episcopal seal, signifying to the Court of Chancery the contempt of the party to holy church'. The word 'significavit' was sometimes used to denote the bishop's certificate to obtain the writ, sometimes to mean the writ itself - 'significavit' was the first word of the writ (Burn, 2, p.248).

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Against Mr Richard Vivers, administrator of the goods of Fulk Wing: to account: cited.

Against the same: 'for not mending the chancel windows': cited.

Against Edward Shepard, servant of Mr Bosse: 'for harrowing upon St. Matthew's day last was twelvemonth and for his absence that day from church': to confess: did not appear: excommunicated: afterwards made confession.

Against Anthony Bishop, lately of Wroxton: incontinence with Isabel Feild: excommunicated.

Against the aforesaid Isabel: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Richard Davyes: incontinence with Joan Dawson: excommunicated.

Against the same Joan: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Mr William Knight: 'absent most commonly from church upon Sunday mornings': sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

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Against Alice Jordan: same cause: had to confess: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against John Long: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Richard Wilkins: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Bull of Nethercote: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Anthony Daunt and Mary, his wife and occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Daunt: appeared the said Mary; answered 'that the said Elizabeth died nothing worth': received 6d.

Against the occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Wyse: appeared Joan Smalebone and introduced a note of the goods of the deceased not yet valued 'and she offereth herself ready to deliver the same to any that will pay her for her attendance upon her in her sickness'.

Against Richard Harrys, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Harrys: appeared Richard Hallows;⁴⁷⁰ answered 'that Richard Harrys aforesaid did sell a press cupboard of the said goods to Lawrence Blith and that is gone out of this jurisdiction': [received 4s.6d., s.t.].

Against George, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Humphrey Tongue: excommunicated: 'exiit in hibernia'.

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Against the occupier of the goods of Mathew Cooke, alias Smith: excommunicated: appeared and dismissed: pauper.

Against Alice Jarvis, now wife of Richard Peedle, tailor: cited.

Against Joan, executrix and occupier of the goods of John Knib:⁴⁷¹ appeared; exhibited will and inventory and proved will: [received 6s.8d., s.t.].

[*Against* the occupier of the goods of [blank] Denzy, widow:⁴⁷² cited: a poor woman. s.t.].

⁴⁷⁰ Thomas **Hallose** is named as an overseer in the will of Elizabeth H.; having written (correctly) Richard **Harrys**, the clerk may then (inadvertently and incorrectly) have written Richard, instead of Thomas, **Hallows**.

⁴⁷¹ Bur. 16 October 1632 (**Knibb**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 331 (**Knibbe**).

⁴⁷² Bur. 23 November 1632 (**Densy**).

Against the occupier of the goods of Richards Collins:⁴⁷³ cited.

Against John Denny, occupier of the goods of Robert Morby,⁴⁷⁴ lately of Banbury: appeared; exhibited donation: monished to exhibit inventory of all and singular goods which came into his hands by virtue of the aforesaid donation: then the said Denny said 'that the said deceased was so poor that he lived by the alms of the parish and begged for his living': received 6s.

Against the occupier of the goods of Alice Strong:⁴⁷⁵ appeared Lawrence Blith and affirmed 'that Zachariah Strong, her son, had those goods which she left': to be cited: appeared; exhibited inventory and account: dismissed: received 3s.6d.

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Against Margery, occupier of the goods of Eustace Basse:⁴⁷⁶ cited: dismissed: pauper: received 1s.

Against the occupier of the goods of William Collins:⁴⁷⁷ cited: pauper.

Against the occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Downes:⁴⁷⁸ cited: pauper.

Against Joan, relict and occupier of the goods of Robert Kinch:⁴⁷⁹ cited: appeared: dismissed as pauper: received 1s.

Against Joseph White, occupier of the goods of Barbara White:⁴⁸⁰ cited: sought: later appeared: will proved: fees owing.

Against the occupier of the goods of Margaret Austen,⁴⁸¹ 'a dishman's'⁴⁸² wife' cited: sought by ways and means for the next court.

Against the occupier of the goods of Margery Staunton, lately of Grimsbury, widow:⁴⁸³ cited: appeared; answered 'that the said Margery, for three years before she died, lived by the alms of the parish and by that which he bestowed upon her for being his wife's mother, and that she died nothing worth beyond her clothes, which he from time to time bestowed upon her': dismissed: received 4s.

⁴⁷³ Innholder, bur. 28 January 1632/3; will proved in P.C.C. [55 Russell]; (*W. & I.* 2, p.164). See f.107v.

⁴⁷⁴ Bur. 4 January 1632/3 (**Morbee**).

⁴⁷⁵ Bur. 13 January 1632/3 (**Stronge**); as Alice **Williamson** she had m., 11 May 1596, Bartholomew S., a carpenter, who had puritan sympathies - the puritan preachers, John **Dod** of Canons Ashby and Robert **Cleaver** of Drayton, were named overseers of his will, dated 23 August 1616 (*W. & I.* 1, No. 183) - and Alice had been presented, 19 March 1613/4, for sitting at communion (Peyton, p.209). Bartholomew had d. 1617; Zachariah was bur. 26 February 1608/9.

⁴⁷⁶ Bur. 27 January 1632/3 (**Bosse**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 334 (Eslys **Boosse**).

⁴⁷⁷ Bur. 15 March 1632/3.

⁴⁷⁸ Bur. 4 February 1632/3.

⁴⁷⁹ Bur. 7 March 1632/3 (**Kintch**); Sergeant-at-Mace (1608-30).

⁴⁸⁰ Wid. of Barnaby W. (bur. 27 August 1621), bur. 11 March 1632/3; *W. & I.* 2, No. 333. Her son, Joseph, bur. 1 February 1602/3.

⁴⁸¹ Bur. 13 March 1632/3; *B. Reg.* describes her as 'widow, a stranger, a chapwoman'.

⁴⁸² = one who deals in, or has much to do with, dishes (of food), a dishmonger.

⁴⁸³ No burial entry. Possibly, the Margerie **Rason**, wid., who m. Humferie **Stanton**, 29 April 1583 (Humferie, of Warkworth, was bur. 25 October 1595). They had a son, Richard (bur. 19 July 1584), but no dau. is recorded in the *B. Bap. Reg.*, so Margery's son-in-law cannot be identified for certain, although there are three possible candidates: 19 December 1606, a Margery **Stanton** m. Anthony **Bennett**; 25 November 1611, a Margaret **Stanton** m. John **Pinfolde**; and 7 January 1621/2, an Anne **Sawnton** (**Stawnton**) m. Thomas **Maudlin**.

Against William Styles, miller: 'for grinding corn on the Lord's day': cited: excommunicated.

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Against Anne Collins: incontinence with one unknown: cited: sought.

Against Mary, wife of Thomas Huckell: 'for being commonly absent from church on the Lord's day': cited: excommunicated.

Against Mary, wife of Martin Edens: same cause: cited: sought: dismissed with monition in the person of her husband:⁴⁸⁴ received 2s.6d.

Against Joyce, sister and occupier of the goods of Alice Haywood,⁴⁸⁵ who died at the house of Lamprey:⁴⁸⁶ cited: appeared; exhibited inventory to the sum of £1.13s.: dismissed: received 1s.6d.

[f.105v]

The matter of the temerarious administration of the goods of Margery Weston promoted by George Weston, executor, against James Fletcher: Horne: citation of James Weston certified: received 2s.

Against Thomas Dumbleton: incontinence with Mary his wife before marriage: appeared; answered and confessed: penance: received 7s. and 1s. for his wife and for himself.

Against the aforesaid Mary: same cause: sought: to be sought.

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BANBURY

Monday, 21st October, 1633. Before Mr. Wheatley, substitute.

Mr. William Wheatley, Vicar.

Churchwardens: Mr. Richard Hollyed.

Mr. Nathaniel Hill.

Mr. John Terrey: excommunicated.

John Kimble.

Robert Gibbard.

Sidesmen: William Wheatley.

Lawrence Blithe.

William Robins.

Anthony Hall: sought.

Nicholas Ewicke.

John Bull.

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ODc. Richard Crosby: incontinence with Mary Drinkwater: penance: 'punished by the officers of Banbury'.

Against Zachariah Beenam: 'for absence from divine service': excommunicated: confession performed.

⁴⁸⁴ Martin E., Taster of Victuals (1630-2, 1649-50), Sergeant-at-Mace (1631-4, 1637-8, 1641-2); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.305), pedigree (p.275).

⁴⁸⁵ Bur. 24 April 1633 (**Hayward**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 335 (**Hayyard**).

⁴⁸⁶ Robert L., who, with James **Petyfer**, took inv. of Alice H's goods, 24 April 1633.

Against John King: incontinence with Elizabeth Barnes: remains excommunicated: significavit: 13th September, 1633, before Mr. Dr. Sweit appeared: absolved: decreed letters be sent for his release.⁴⁸⁷

Against Alice Rowsham of Neithrop, now of King's Sutton, illicitly pregnant in the house of Long, widow, of Neithrop: excommunicated.

Against George Weston, brother and administrator of the goods of Thomas Weston: excommunicated.

Against the same George Weston, temerarious administrator of the goods of Margery Weston: [no entry].

Against Mr. Richard Vivers, administrator of the goods of Fulk Wing: to account: passed over.⁴⁸⁸

Against the same: 'for not mending the chancel windows': passed over.

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Against Anthony Bishop, formerly of Wroxton: incontinence with Isabel Feild: excommunicated.

Against the said Isabel: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Robert Davyes: incontinence with Joan Dawson: excommunicated.

Against the said Joan: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Mr. William Knight: 'absent most commonly from church upon Sunday mornings': excommunication not issued.

Against Alice Jourden: 'absent from church divers Sundays': excommunication not issued.

Against John Long: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Robert Wilkins: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Bull, senior, of Nethercote: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Lawrence Blithe: 'he hath a press cupboard of the goods of Elizabeth Harris, late of Banbury, widow, which he hath administered upon without authority, no administration being as yet granted to any person of the said deceased's goods'.

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Against Alice Jarvis, now pretended wife of Richard Peedle, tailor: 'she was married (as the common report goeth) to the said Peedle seven years since, having formerly lived with one Jarvis, as being his wife, by whom she had some children, and the said Jarvis was alive at Midsummer last was twelvemonth': cited: appeared; answered 'that about twenty two years since the said Jarvis [lived s.t.] was her [here with her s.t.] she never since heard of him, neither was she ever married unto [her s.t.] him'.⁴⁸⁹

⁴⁸⁷ There is no record in the *B. Reg.* of Elizabeth **Barnes** having married, but the marriage of John **King** and Katherine **Bently** is recorded on 18 May 1632, and a dau., Sarah, was bap, 26 January 1633/4, a son, Samuel, on 1 February 1635/6. However, the baptism of 'John s. of Sarah **Rocke**, supposed to be the sonn of John **King**, base borne' on 1 May 1636, indicates that John **King** had not given up his wayward ways.

⁴⁸⁸ MS. 'omittatur'.

⁴⁸⁹ The clerk got into a bit of a mess here and his amendments have obscured his record.

Against [blank] Pym,⁴⁹⁰ occupier of the goods of Richard Collins: cited: did not appear: then appeared William Poulton, administrator: exhibited will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury: received 3s.6d.

Against the occupier of the goods of Margaret Austin: sought by ways and means: let her daughter be cited.

Against William Styles, miller: grinding on the Sabbath: excommunicated.

[*Against* Anne Collins: incontinence with one unknown: *s.t.*] sought by ways and means: discharged.

Against Mary, wife of Thomas Huckell: 'for being commonly absent from church on the Sabbath day': excommunicated.

The matter of the temerarious administration of the goods of Margery Weston promoted by George Weston, executor, against James Fletcher: Home: accused of contumacy: penalty postponed.

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Against the occupier of the goods of Rebecca Wells: George Tong sought.

Against the occupier of the goods of John Weston: cited: excommunicated: George Weston appeared and alleged 'that Frances, the relict, hath the goods': sought.

Against the occupier of the goods of William Higgins, lately servant of William Styles: cited.

Against the occupier of the goods of John Lumley:⁴⁹¹ his relict⁴⁹² cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the occupier of the goods of Elizabeth Walford,⁴⁹³ widow: appeared and alleged gift during lifetime: to exhibit inventory: [received 3s.6d. and 1s. *s.t.*]

Against the occupier of the goods of Mary Wilkins:⁴⁹⁴ John Newman⁴⁹⁵ and Thomas Newman,⁴⁹⁶ sons,⁴⁹⁷ sought: appeared Thomas Newman and Thomas Hill: [received 1s. *s.t.*]

Against the occupier of the goods of Michael Johnson:⁴⁹⁸ William Johnson, son,⁴⁹⁹ sought: [received 1s. *s.t.*]

⁴⁹⁰ ?William P., Town Clerk at some time between 1643 and his death in 1649.

⁴⁹¹ Bur. 24 December 1631 (**Lumly**); *W. & I.* 2, No. 326.

⁴⁹² Anne L.

⁴⁹³ Bur. 24 December 1631 (**Wafford**), wid. of Walter W. (bur. 30 June 1627); *W. & I.* 2, No. 285.

⁴⁹⁴ Bur. 6 January 1631/2.

⁴⁹⁵ Son of Richard and Elizabeth N.; Searcher and Sealer of Leather (1630-2, 1635-6?); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.316), pedigree (p.279).

⁴⁹⁶ Son of Richard and Elizabeth N.; Searcher and Sealer of Leather (1633-4, 1635-7, 1640-2, 1646-8, 1649-50, 1652-4); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.316), pedigree (p.279).

⁴⁹⁷ MS. 'filii', but John and Thomas **Newman** were not sons, nor sons-in-law (John m. Ann **Tims**, Thomas m. Anna **Webb(e)**) of Mary W. Maybe the clerk used 'filii' as meaning sons of the same father, hence 'brothers'. Nor is it clear why both John and Thomas N. should have been summoned, as the case is recorded as being against the occupier ('occupator'), not occupiers ('occupatores') of the goods of Mary W.

⁴⁹⁸ Bur. 18 January 1631/2; *W. & I.* 2, No. 327.

⁴⁹⁹ Bap. 16 March 1594/5.

Against the occupier of the goods of Mistress Austin, widow: cited Susan, executrix: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the occupier of the goods of [blank] Taylor,⁵⁰⁰ widow of Neithrop: appeared Mary, daughter and executrix: [received 3s.6d. s.t.]

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Against the occupier of the goods of Margery Weston: George, son, cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Isabel Feild: incontinence with Anthony Bishop: cited: appeared.

Against Anthony Bishop. lately of Wroxton: same cause: cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Robert Davyes: incontinence with Joan Dawson: cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the same Joan: same cause: her son appeared: excommunicated.

Against William Barrowes: cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against William Pratchett: 'for slatting upon St. Matthew's day last': cited: did not appear: excommunicated: Afterwards appeared, 25th April, 1632, and admitted 'that he and Rebecca Pedley, wife of Hugh [Pedley s.t.], being near the time of being brought to bed, did wash a room in her house upon the day articulate with white lime for the entertainment of her neighbours' and otherwise denied: dismissed with a monition.

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Against the same William Pratchett: 'for working at his trade upon Monday and Tuesday in Easter week last': [no entry].

Against Edward Sheppard, servant of Mr. Bosse: 'for harrowing upon St. Matthew's day last': sought.

Mr. Richard Ingram against Crosse: tithes: did not answer according to monition: at petition of Horne, Crosse excommunicated.

Against Gideon Crosby: 'for his neglect in coming to church': remains excommunicated: 5th April, 1632, absolved. Received 2s.6d.

[Paid for three licences from Mr. Wheatley 15s. s.t.].

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Against John Pedley: 'for laying violent hands upon Susan French, widow, making her to bleed at the [nose s.t.] mouth in an arrest made by him upon her in Banbury churchyard by the setting on of John Stukeley': cited: sought.

Against the aforesaid John Stukeley: same cause: cited: sought: afterwards appeared: monished to answer before recess, having been examined, denied and dismissed: received 3s.6d.

Against John Hyorn of Tadmorton, father and occupier of the goods of Thomas Hyorn,⁵⁰¹ intestate: appeared; exhibited inventory to the sum of £10.12s.6d.: administration granted: account to be made by William Warner.⁵⁰²

⁵⁰⁰ Elizabeth, wid. of William T. of Neithrop; bur. 10 February 1631/2.

⁵⁰¹ Bur. 9 March 1631/2 (Hiern).

⁵⁰² W. & I. 2, No. 328 (Hyrons).

*Epiphany Hill*⁵⁰³ against *John Scott*: tithes: agreement reached.

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[Against the occupiers of the goods of Lettice Greene,⁵⁰⁴ widow. *s.t.*]. 'Twice entered: let her daughter Alice be cited'.

Against the occupier of the goods of Isabel Hall:⁵⁰⁵ Mr. Beseliel Knight exhibited will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury: [received 3s.6d. *s.t.*].

Against the occupier of the goods of Alice Jones, lately servant of Mr. Archer: 'her father dwells at Finmere whither he carried all her goods': [*no entry*].

Against Rebecca, relict and occupier of the goods of Nathaniel Strong:⁵⁰⁶ sought: appeared Obediah Lord⁵⁰⁷ for Rebecca: exhibited will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury: received 3s.6d.

Against the occupier of the goods of Richard Hadley: his relict cited last Wednesday: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the occupier of the goods of John Kymble:⁵⁰⁸ relict cited Tuesday last: excommunicated: then appeared Elizabeth, relict;⁵⁰⁹ exhibited inventory to the sum of £1.6s.10d.: will proved: [received 3s. *s.t.*].

Against the occupier of the goods of Nicholas Gibbs:⁵¹⁰ cited same day: excommunicated: then appeared Magdalena and said 'that he died not worth any thing'.

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9th April, 1634.

VISITATION in the Parish Church of Banbury between 12 and 3 p.m. before Giles Sweit, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

Banbury. Mr. William Wheatley, Vicar: appeared.

Churchwardens: Thomas Reighnoldes.

William Hawkins.

William Andrewes.⁵¹¹

John Churchill.⁵¹²

William Taylor, received 6d.: all sworn.

⁵⁰³ Constable (1612-3); B. Corp., Burgess (by 1617), Alderman (by 1626-39), Bridgemaster (1626-7), Mayor (1627-8); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.311), pedigrees (pp. 275, 276).

⁵⁰⁴ Bur. 5 April 1632 (Letesse G.).

⁵⁰⁵ Bur. 19 October 1631; will proved in P.C.C. [19 Audley]; (*W. & I.* 2, p.164).

⁵⁰⁶ Bur. 31 October 1631; Tithingman (1629-30, 1631-2); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.322); letters of admin. in P.C.C., 1 December 1631.

⁵⁰⁷ Tithingman (1635-6, 1636-7), Constable (1637-8, 1646-7).

⁵⁰⁸ Bur. 1 November 1631 (*Kimbell*); *W. & I.* 2, No. 325.

⁵⁰⁹ And exix. (*W. & I.* 2, No. 325); as Elizabeth *Pully* she had m. John K., 19 October 1615.

⁵¹⁰ Bur. 5 November 1631 (*Gibbs*).

⁵¹¹ Tithingman (1625-6, 1626-7), Constable (1629-30, 1630-1); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.299).

⁵¹² Of Neithrop (bap. 8 April 1582); his wife, Hanna (bur. 2 March 1628/9), by whom he had eight children (bap. 1609, 1611, 1614, 1617, 1619, 1621, 1624, 1627); as if that were not enough, the *B. Reg.* also records the burial, on 5 September 1638, of 'an infant of John *Churchill* of Neithrop, base borne'.

Sidesmen: William Gilkes.⁵¹³

Thomas Robins.⁵¹⁴

John Bentley, junior.⁵¹⁵

Matthew Long.⁵¹⁶

William Bull.⁵¹⁷ all sworn

Obediah Lord, postponed: 'received 3d. for the fee of the citation'.

ODc. Thomas Robins, son of Humphrey Robins: 'for incontinence with a strange woman': remains excommunicated.

Against John Russell: 'presented for incontinence with Barbara Robins': remains excommunicated.

Against the said John Russell, lately churchwarden of Great Bourton in the Peculiar of Cropredy: 'presented for not making any account of his office':⁵¹⁸ remains excommunicated.

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Against Mr. Richard Vivers, administrator of the goods of Fulk Wing: [no entry].

Against Mr. William Knight: 'often absent from church upon Sunday mornings': excommunicated: absolved 7th April, 1634: [received 8s. s.t.].

Against Alice Jourden: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Long: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Robert Wilkins: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Bull of Nethercote: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Joseph White, executor of Barbara White: [excommunicated, s.t.]. 'This cause was dispatched [at] the last court'.

Against [blank] daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Austin: cited: sought Monday last: to be sought.

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Against William Styles, miller: 'for grinding on the Sabbath day': remains excommunicated: absolved 5th April, 1634: [received 8s. s.t.].

Against Mary, wife of Thomas Huckell: often absent from church: remains excommunicated: absolved: dismissed with a monition: [received 5s. s.t.].

Against Thomas Dumbleton: incontinence with Mary, his wife, before marriage: excommunicated for not doing penance.

⁵¹³ Tithingman (1632-3, 1633-4), Constable (1634-5, 1641-2); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.307).

⁵¹⁴ Tithingman (1633-4, 1634-5), Constable (1635-6, 1636-7); B. Corp., Burgess (by 1642), Bridge-master (1643-50), Alderman (pre-1651 to 1668), Mayor (1651-2, 1661-2), J.P.; *B.C.R.* for biography (p.320), pedigree (p.273).

⁵¹⁵ Searcher and Sealer of Leather during period 1639-58; *B.C.R.* for biography (p.301).

⁵¹⁶ Of Neithrop, s. of John and Joan L.; bur. 26 December 1644.

⁵¹⁷ Of Nethercote, s. of William B., who d. 1621 (bur. 12 August).

⁵¹⁸ '...all Churchwardens at the end of their year, or within a month after at the most, shall before the Minister and the Parishioners, give up a just account of such money as they have received, and also what particularly they have bestowed in Reparations, and otherwise for the use of the Church. And last of all, going out of their Office, they shall truly deliver up to the Parishioners whatsoever Money or other things of right belonging to the Church or Parish, which remaineth in their hands, that it may be delivered over by them to the next Churchwardens by Bill indented' (1603 Canon 89).

Against the said Mary: same cause: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mary, wife of Martin Eedens: 'for not coming to church': cited: 'ordered at the last court'.

Against Lancelot Sparkes: 'for his taxes to the church, being 1s.6d.': cited: sought Tuesday last: to be sought.

Against John Sparkes: same cause: sought as above.

The will of Peter French⁵¹⁹ proved by Anne, relict and executrix.

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Against the occupier of the goods of Roger Fox:⁵²⁰ cited: 'this cause was dispatched the last court'.

Against the occupier of the goods of Thomas Tustian:⁵²¹ Martin Tustian, son and relict,⁵²² cited Tuesday last: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the occupier of the goods of John Traunter:⁵²³ cited: appeared Daniel Sherwood; exhibited will proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

Against Thomas Pen:⁵²⁴ fame of incontinence with his maidservant:⁵²⁵ sought Monday and Tuesday last: to be sought.

Against Edward Blincow: 'for carting in the churchyard': appeared; acknowledged the charge: to confess.

Against Robert Prue: 'for bringing in timber in carts into the churchyard and there squaring and framing it for buildings': appeared; replied 'that he, being the sexton of the parish church and being a carpenter by his trade, hath used to work at his trade in the churchyard of Banbury, in hewing, squaring and framing timber there for building for the last two years or thereabouts, and

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which timber he caused to be brought in carts into the said churchyard, and he saith that he hath at this present timber frame for a house of his working now lying in that said churchyard': monished 'to rid the churchyard thereof and to pay his fees':

Against Michael Harvey, saddler, 'he was married to his now wife at Bidlesdon about a quarter of a year since, as he himself saith, but the churchwardens do not know whether they be married as yet or no': [no entry].

Against Titus Buckingham: [no entry].

10th May, 1634. 'Licence Hamden Nichols of Banbury and Elizabeth Pen of Middleton Cheney in the county of Northampton.'⁵²⁶ Received 6s.4d.

⁵¹⁹ Bur. 5 December 1633; *W. & I.* 2, No. 338. Peter French had m. An Larden, 29 November 1614.

⁵²⁰ Bur. 24 May 1633.

⁵²¹ Bur. 28 September 1633.

⁵²² Martin T. named, 29 September 1629, as one of those 'that refuse to pay to the last assessment made for the Constables for money laid forth by them for the King's household, etc.' (*B.C.R.* p.148).

⁵²³ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*

⁵²⁴ Former CW.; had refused to pay Forced Loan, 1627; his wife, Katherine Newman (m. 26 October 1597) had d. 1631 (bur. 22 October).

⁵²⁵ Rose King.

⁵²⁶ Hamden N. and Elizabeth Penne m. at Cropredy, 11 May 1634.

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*Banbury, Tuesday, 7th October, 1634.*⁵²⁷

Mr. William Wheatley, Vicar.

Churchwardens: Thomas Reynoldes.

William Hawkins.

William Andrewes.

John Churchill.

William Taylor : all sworn.

Sidesmen: William Gilkes: cited Monday last; did not appear; [excommunicated, *s.t.*]; sworn.

Thomas Robins: absent.

John Bentley, junior: sworn.

Obediah Lord: postponed: cited Monday; did not appear; excommunicated; sworn.

Matthew Long.

William Bull: both sworn.

ODc. Thomas Robins, son of Humphrey: incontinence with a certain unknown woman: remains excommunicated.

Against John Russell: incontinence with Barbara Robins: remains excommunicated.

Against the same, lately churchwarden of Great Bourton: 'for not making any account of his office': remains excommunicated.

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Against Alice Jourden: 'absence from church upon Sunday mornings': excommunicated.

Against John Long: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Robert Wilkins: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Bull, senior, of Nethercote: same cause: excommunicated.

Against the daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Austin: sought.

Against Lancelot Sparkes: 'for his tax to the church being 1s.6d.': sought: appeared: monished to pay tax before Annunciation.⁵²⁸

Against John Sparkes: same cause: cited Thursday last: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Titus Buckingham: 'for laying timber in the churchyard': cited.

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Against Thomas Pen: fame of incontinence with his maidservant.⁵²⁹ sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Robert Prewé: 'for bringing in timber in carts into the churchyard and for squaring it there': cited Thursday last: Johnson⁵³⁰ said 'the timber is rid away out of the churchyard': dismissed: received 2s.6d.

⁵²⁷ No more detail given.

⁵²⁸ Lady Day, 25 March 1635.

⁵²⁹ Rose King.

⁵³⁰ John J., apparitor.

Against Michael Harvey, saddler: 'he was married to his now wife at Bidlesden, as he himself saith, but the churchwardens do not know whether he be married to her as yet, or no': cited: sought Thursday last: to be sought.

Against the said pretended wife of Michael Harvey: same cause: sought as above: to be sought.

Against the relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Reginald Walsall.⁵³¹ 'He was excommunicated. Query who buried him.' Cited Monday last.

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Against [relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of, s.t.] Richard Richardes, temerarious administrator of the goods of Mary Wells:⁵³² cited: 'She died nothing worth, living upon the alms of the parish': this proved by the said Richardes.

Christabel Buckingham, wife of Titus Buckingham, against Peter Kerwood: defamation: cited: Horne gave in libel in the presence of Kerwood having to respond at next court.

Against Thomas Paige and Martha his wife:⁵³³ incontinence before marriage: cited: sought Monday last: to be sought.

Against Titus Buckingham: 'for suffering his hogs to be in the churchyard': cited: received 1s.6d.

Against Mary, wife of Thomas Huckell: 'for absence from church': cited: sought Monday last: to be sought.

Against Mary, wife of Martin Eedens: same cause: cited as against Huckell.

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Against Alice, wife of William Long: 'for disturbance in the church': cited Monday last: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mr. Martin Tustian, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Tustian: cited Monday last.

Against George Pedley: [no entry].

Against Thomas Hall: 'for winnowing in the churchyard': [no entry]: received 1s.6d.

Against William Perryn: 'he broke open the churchyard gate and brought in hay into the churchyard within this last twelve month': [no entry].

Against Richard Wroughton: 'See the last court; he brought some carriage in a cart through the churchyard':⁵³⁴ [no entry].

Elizabeth Fletcher, alias Weston, pretended wife of James Fletcher, chandler:⁵³⁵ 3rd March, 1635, Giles Sweit granted administration to said James.

[ff. 116-117v] [Blank].

⁵³¹ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; *W. & I. 2*, No. 341 (Wallser); inv., undated, exhib. 7 October 1634 (*P.C.B.*, p.68).

⁵³² Bur. 31 March 1634.

⁵³³ Thomas P. m. Martha Nottingham, Horley, 19 November 1633; according to the *B. Reg.*, Elizabeth, the first child of Thomas and Martha P., was bap. 2 December 1638; the *B. Reg.* records the burial of 'a childe of Thomas Page' on 19 October 1639.

⁵³⁴ This is the first record of this charge.

⁵³⁵ Elizabeth, bur. 17 November 1634.

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Banbury, Monday, 27th April, 1635.

*ACTS in the Visitation of the clergy and people of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury held in the choir*⁵³⁶ *of the Parish Church between the hours of 12 and 3 p.m. before Mr. John French, substitute, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.*

Banbury. Mr. William Wheatley, Vicar.

Churchwardens: Thomas Reynoldes: sworn.

William Hawkins.

William Andrewes: sworn

John Churchill: sworn.

William Taylor: sworn.

Sidesmen: William Gilkes.

Thomas Robins.

John Bentley.

Obediah Lord.

Mathew Long.

William Bull: all sworn.

ODc. Thomas Robins, son of Humphrey Robins: incontinence with an unknown woman: remains excommunicated.

*Against John Russell: incontinence with Barbara [blank]:*⁵³⁷ *remains excommunicated: absolved as before.*

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Against the same John Russell, lately one of the churchwardens of Great Bourton: 'for not making any account of his office': remains excommunicated: absolved as before.

Against Alice Jourden: 'for absence from church upon Sunday mornings': excommunicated.

Against John Long: same cause: excommunicated.

Against Robert Wilkins: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Bull, senior, of Nethercote: same cause: excommunicated.

Against [blank], daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Austin: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Lancelot Sparkes: 'for his tax to the church, being 1s.6d.': to certify payment: 29th April, 1635, absolved as he promised payment: received 5s.

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Against John Sparkes: same cause: excommunicated: as above: received 5s.

*Against Thomas Pen: fame of incontinence with his maidservant:*⁵³⁸ *excommunicated, publication postponed until the Feast of the Purification: received 8s.*

⁵³⁶ MS. 'in choro'.

⁵³⁷ Robins.

⁵³⁸ Rose King.

Against Michael Harvey, saddler: marrying at Bidlesdon and the churchwardens are not sure of this; also 'for winnowing in the churchyard': sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the said pretended wife of the said Harvey: same cause: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the relict and temerarious occupier of the goods of Reginald Walsall: 'he was excommunicated; query who buried him': excommunicated, absolved, admonished as before noted.⁵³⁹

Against Thomas Page and Martha his wife: incontinence before marriage: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

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Against Mary, wife of Thomas Huckell: 'for absence from church': sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mary, wife of Martin Eedens: same cause: sought: appeared both: at their petition, dismissed: received 1s.6d.

Against Alice, wife of William Long: 'for disturbance in the church': cited: replied 'that the churchwardens, having discharged her for sitting in that seat where lately her husband's former wife⁵⁴⁰ had sat, did notwithstanding go into that seat the next Sunday after, and in doing so she doth now acknowledge she did err and submitteth herself': dismissed with a monition: received 3s.

Against Mr. Martin Tustian, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Tustian: penalty had been reserved to this day: to be done.

Against William Perrin: 'he broke open the churchyard gate and brought in hay, etc. this last year': cited: sought.

Against Richard Wrighton: 'since Easter last was twelve month he brought some carriage⁵⁴¹ in a cart through the churchyard': cited: sought.

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Christabel Buckingham, wife of Titus Buckingham, against Peter Kerwood: defamation: Horne: to respond to the libel this day; acknowledged 'that the said Christabel, within the time and place libelled, calling him a rogue, he thereupon replied unto her that he was no more a rogue than she was a whore': submitteth himself: Kerwood condemned as to his words confessed and in the expenses, Kerwood dissenting and alleging concord to have been reached.

Against the occupier of the goods of John Hawten of Grimsbury:⁵⁴² cited.

Against the occupier of the goods of widow Robins of Neithrop:⁵⁴³ cited: will proved in the last court.

⁵³⁹ No previous record of admonition.

⁵⁴⁰ William L. m. his first wife, Margaret **Middlebrook**, 26 July 1613; she was bur. 3 December 1627; the *B. Reg.* has no record of his mar. to Alice.

⁵⁴¹ = goods, or merchandise, that which is carried.

⁵⁴² Bur. 26 May 1634; will proved in P.C.C. [105 Seager]; (*W. & I.* 2, p.164).

⁵⁴³ Clements/Clemence R. bur. 13 September 1634; *W. & I.* 2, No. 339 (**Robyns**); will proved by court, October 1634; she was wid. of John R. of Neithrop, bur. 8 April 1613.

Against the occupiers of the goods of Mr. John Gill,⁵⁴⁴ lately of Wickham: will proved 7th March last before Dr. Sweit by executor John Gill:⁵⁴⁵ fees not yet paid.

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Against John Baker: 'for his garden in the churchyard': cited: submitted: monished 'to lay open his said garden to the churchyard, the same being long part thereof' before the Feast of St. John the Baptist.⁵⁴⁶

Against the occupier of the goods of Richard Kyte:⁵⁴⁷ appeared Bathsheba Kyte, relict and executrix: will proved.

Against the occupier of the goods of George Helmdon,⁵⁴⁸ pauper; appeared Mary Hawten executrix: will proved before Mr. Wheatley, substitute.

Against the occupier of the goods of Anne Kimbell of Neithrop:⁵⁴⁹ appeared John Kymbell.

Against the occupier of the goods of Alice Saunderson:⁵⁵⁰ appeared Richard Welford, executor.

Against the occupier of the goods of Thomas Jackson:⁵⁵¹ appeared John Nib, executor; alleged 'that the said Thomas Jackson at the time of his death had debts owing unto him beyond the sum of £5 out of the jurisdiction':⁵⁵² monished to prove the will in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury; received 2s.6d.

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Against the occupier of the goods of Henry Claridge of Neithrop:⁵⁵³ appeared Mary, daughter: will proved.

Against the occupier of the goods of James Wilkins of Neithrop:⁵⁵⁴ appeared Frideswide, relict and executrix: will proved.

Against the occupier of the goods of Thomas Pedley:⁵⁵⁵ [no entry].

Against the occupier of the goods of Giles Toms:⁵⁵⁶ administration granted to John, son,⁵⁵⁷ and Margaret, relict: received 7s.

⁵⁴⁴ Bur. 25 June 1634 ('John Gyll, gentleman of Wickham'); *W. & I. 2*, No. 340; B. Corp., Alderman (1608), J.P., Bailiff (1602-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.307), pedigrees (pp. 271,274).

⁵⁴⁵ Grandson; William Knight, John Gill, Bezaliel Knight named as executors (*W. & I. 2*, No. 340).

⁵⁴⁶ 24 June, Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Midsummer).

⁵⁴⁷ Bur. 6 October 1634 (Kite); *W. & I. 2*, No. 343 (Keite); m. Bathsheba Dodson(n) 10 June 1628.

⁵⁴⁸ Bur. 8 October 1634; *W. & I. 2*, No. 342 (Helmedon).

⁵⁴⁹ Bur. 14 October 1634 (Kimbel).

⁵⁵⁰ Bur. 11 November 1634 (Sanderson).

⁵⁵¹ Bur. 23 December 1634 (Jaksonn). Will proved in P.C.C. [54 Sadler]; (*W. & I. 2*, p.164).

⁵⁵² i.e. bona notabilia.

⁵⁵³ Bur. 5 February 1634/5 (Clarag); *W. & I. 2*. No. 347 (Clarage).

⁵⁵⁴ Bur 14 February 1634/5 (Willkines); *W. & I. 2*, No. 346; m. Frydeswyde Hawes, 12 October 1606.

⁵⁵⁵ Bur. 20 February 1634/5 (Pedly); *W. & I. 2*, No. 344 (Pedlie). In September, 1610, Thomas P. was presented by the CWs. 'for being in the barbors shoopp the xxiith of September being Sabaoth day in time of Divine Service'; the barber, 'Easties Bass' (Eustace Basse, f.104v), was also presented 'for triming' P. at that time (Peyton, p.206).

⁵⁵⁶ Bur. 27 February 1634/5 (Tomes); *W. & I. 2*, No. 345; m. Margaret Butler, 3 February 1588/9.

⁵⁵⁷ John, the second surviving son, bap. 12 January 1601/2.

Against the occupier of the goods of Richard Gould:⁵⁵⁸ [no entry].

Against the occupier of the goods of Mary Ryme:⁵⁵⁹ appeared Anne Owen, daughter of Elizabeth Maior: inventory exhibited; alleged 'that the said goods are in the custody of the said Elizabeth Maior, sister of the said deceased who is old, poor and impotent and could not go abroad, and she saith that there is not any debts of the said deceased unpaid, wherefor she desires that this cause may be dismissed, the value of the said goods being [word indecipherable, owing to rubbing of bottom of folio] above £6.10s.': received 6s.9d.

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John Robins against Elizabeth Hadley: Horne: defamation; 'She called him whoremaster in Banbury since Christmas last before divers witnesses and before the beginning of this suit; and also saying that he, the said John Robins, had been naught with her divers times and oftener would have been if she, the said Elizabeth Hadlie, would'; appeared Robins; Horne gave in libel; Elizabeth acknowledged 'that she within the time libelled did, before divers witnesses in Banbury articulate, call the said John Robins whoremaster, she being provoked thereunto by him calling her whore and divers other opprobrious terms': term probatory⁵⁶⁰ ordered.

Against Jeremy, servant of Samuel Ward: incontinence with Joan, a servant maid of Henry Fox: [no entry].

Against the said Joan: same cause: [no entry].

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Against Titus Buckingham: 'for carting in the churchyard': [no entry].

Against Thomas Hall: 'for winnowing in the churchyard': sought Friday last: to be sought.

Against James Pettifer: incontinence with the wife of [blank]⁵⁶¹ Pratchett: [no entry].

Against William Higgins, junior, and [blank]⁵⁶² his wife: incontinence before marriage:⁵⁶³ [no entry].

Against [blank]⁵⁶⁴ wife of William Jarvis: bawdry: [no entry].

Against Alice Sharp: 'for striking Nicholas Feild in the churchyard': Alice denied: to prove.

[f.122v] [Blank].

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Against [blank]⁵⁶⁵ Jordaine, widow, of Calthorpe: 'presented for absence from church': dismissed with monition: pauper.

⁵⁵⁸ Bur. 30 March 1635; *B. Bur. Reg.* describes him as 'a stranger of London'.

⁵⁵⁹ Bur. 9 October 1634 (*Rine*).

⁵⁶⁰ Period of time, set by the Judge, during which each party was to prove his case (J.S. Purvis, *An Introduction to Ecclesiastical Records* (1953), p.70).

⁵⁶¹ William; m. Anne Ryse (*Rise*), 29 September 1628.

⁵⁶² Elizabeth.

⁵⁶³ No. mar. entry in *B. Reg.*; William, s. of William H., was bap. 23 November 1634.

⁵⁶⁴ Sarah (née Smyth) m. 1 August 1633.

⁵⁶⁵ Alice.

*Before Mr. Wheatley, substitute.*⁵⁶⁶

Against Isabel Feild, alias Hartlett, wife of Passover Hartlett:⁵⁶⁷ appeared; acknowledged 'that she having been married unto the said Passover Hartlett about a week before Whitsuntide last was about two years before that time delivered of a child,⁵⁶⁸ unlawfully begotten on her body by Anthony Bishopp, then of Wroxton, but now of the town of Banbury, who had the carnal knowledge of her body at the house of Titus Buckingham in Banbury, she being his daughter-in-law⁵⁶⁹ living then with him, the said Buckingham, and the said Bishopp being a miller of Wroxton, using to come to that house as a guest upon market days': penance in ordinary clothes:⁵⁷⁰ pauper.

[f.123v] [Blank].

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Against Thomas Hawes: 'presented for drunkenness': appeared: dismissed with monition: pauper: received 2s.

Against [blank]⁵⁷¹ Jourden, widow: 'for not coming to church': absolved and dismissed with monition: pauper.

Against Peter Kerwood and Joan, his wife: incontinence before marriage: appeared; acknowledged 'that they two being of Banbury were married about a year since⁵⁷² at Fringford Church by Mr. Scott, then parson of that Church':⁵⁷³ received 13s.8d.

Against Edward Russell: fame of incontinence with Dorothy Deanne: appeared; replied 'that he believeth it hath been of late commonly spoken of by divers of this town of Banbury that he should commit incontinence with the said Dorothy Dean, but he denieth that he did at any time offend with her in that kind, but he confesseth that she being at London about Christmas last at an inn, the name thereof he remembereth not, staying for the carrier of Banbury's coming away, she came with him to Banbury and this deponent coming in the meantime into that inn did, at the entreaty of some of her friends there, carry her behind him from that place to Misterden⁵⁷⁴ and there he left her to come with the carrier to Banbury': received 3s.6d. and 1s.: [no further entry].

⁵⁶⁶ No date given.

⁵⁶⁷ His first wife, Anne **Dadly** (m. 10 August 1625) (f.67v), bur. 28 November 1632; m. Isabel F. at Horley, 22 March 1633/4.

⁵⁶⁸ 'Anthony, s. of Isabell', bap. 6 May 1632.

⁵⁶⁹ The clerk has deleted 'daughter' and written 'daughter-in-law'; however, the *B. Regs.* do not establish this relationship to Titus B.

⁵⁷⁰ MS. 'vestibus solitis'.

⁵⁷¹ Alice.

⁵⁷² Mar. of Paul **Kyrwood** and Joan **Shurp**, by licence at Fringford, is recorded, 12 July 1634; Thomas, s. of Peter, was bap. 11 January 1634/5.

⁵⁷³ Maniewe/Emanuel **Scott**, of Oxon., gent.; Queen's College, Oxford, matriculation entry, 3 May 1588, aged 14; B.A. from Brasenose College, Oxford, 14 February 1592/3; M.A., 4 July 1598 (Foster). He was curate to Richard **Aldrich**, Rector of Fringford, Oxon. (1565-1604), and succeeded him as Rector in 1604 (*V.C.H.*, 6, p.132). He d. in December 1634.

⁵⁷⁴ Great Missenden.

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Against John Haynes, son of Margaret Haynes, widow: appeared John Haynes; alleged 'that the said Margaret Haynes at the time of her life and death was of Fenny Compton, in the county of Warwick and Diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, and the sum of the inventory of her goods there being £4.12s.4d., he hath taken administration of her goods with her will granted out of the Bishop's court there; and he further saith that his said mother at her death had some goods here in Banbury to the value of £4.4s.4d. and no more, which goods are detained from him as yet': monished to appear: [received, s.t.] 3s.

Against Dorothy Abraham, executrix of Jeremy Abraham:⁵⁷⁵ appeared 28th April, 1635, before Mr. French, substitute: will proved: pauper: received 9d.

Against Richard Carpenter, alias Essex, alias Crosby: appeared; petitioned absolution: ordered to swear 'that he hath been punished by the magistrates of this town for his presented fault wherewith he is charged, vizt., his carnal copulation with Marian Drinkwater, which is long since dead':⁵⁷⁶ to confess before Mr. Wheatley and the churchwardens, in ordinary clothes: pauper: received 2s.

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Banbury, Monday, 14th September, 1635.

VISITATION in the Parish Church between 12 and 3 p.m. before [blank].

Banbury: Mr William Wheatley, Vicar.

Churchwardens Thomas Reynoldes: sworn.

William Hawkins: sworn.

William Andrewes: sworn.

John Churchill.

William Taylor: sworn.

Sidesman: William Gilkes: sworn.

Thomas Robins: sworn.

John Bentley: sworn.

Obediah Lord: sworn.

Matthew Long: sworn.

William Bull: sworn.

ODc. Thomas Robins, son of Humphrey Robins: incontinence with a woman unknown: remains excommunicated.

Against Alice Jourden: 'for absence from church upon Sunday mornings': excommunicated.

Against John Long: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Wilkins:⁵⁷⁷ same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Bull, senior, of Neithrop: same cause: excommunicated.

⁵⁷⁵ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*; *W. & I.* 2, No. 348, will (undated) of Jeremiah A.

⁵⁷⁶ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*

⁵⁷⁷ 1592-1673: Taster of Victuals (1622-3); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.329).

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Against [blank] daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Austin: excommunication not issued.

Against Thomas Pen: fame of incontinence with Rose King, his maidservant: excommunicated.

Against Michael Harvey, saddler, and his wife: 'for their clandestine marriage and for winnowing in the churchyard': excommunicated.

Against Thomas Page and Martha, his wife: incontinence before marriage: excommunicated.

Against Mary, wife of Thomas Huckell: 'for absence from church': excommunicated.

Against William Perrin: 'he broke open the churchyard gate and brought in hay for the last year': sought.

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Against Mr. Martin Tustian, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Tustian, his father: had to perform penance, did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Richard Wrighton: 'Since Easter last was twelve month he brought some carriage in a cart through the churchyard': sought.

Against John Hawten, occupier of the goods of John Hawten of Grimsbury: cited.

*Christabel Buckingham, wife of Titus Buckingham, against Peter Kerwood: defamation: concord.*⁵⁷⁸

Against John Baker: 'for his garden in the churchyard': ordered to lay open his garden in the churchyard 'being part thereof by Midsummer last and to certify this day and to pay the fees': cited: Mr. Andrewes,⁵⁷⁹ one of the churchwardens, certified: pauper.

Against John Kimbell, occupier of the goods of Anne Kimbell, lately of Neithrop: cited.

Against Richard Welford, executor of Alice Saunderson: cited.

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Against John Nib, executor of Thomas Jackson: had been monished at last court to prove will in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and exhibit it in this court: cited: appeared; exhibited will proved.

Against the occupier of the goods of Thomas Pedley: cited: 'ordered the last court'.

Against the occupier of the goods of Richard Gould: cited: 'ordered the last court'.

John Robins against Elizabeth Hadley: Horne: defamation: Horne has to prove.

Against Jeremy, servant of Samuel Ward: incontinence with Joan, maidservant of Henry Cox.⁵⁸⁰ cited: sought Thursday last: to be sought.

Against the said Joan: same cause: same as against Ward.⁵⁸¹

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Against Titus Buckingham: 'for carting in the churchyard': cited: appeared; acknowledged 'that his house opening at the backside into the churchyard he hath brought four loads of barley through the churchyard into his house, having no other way for such his carriage': dismissed with monition: received 3s.6d.

⁵⁷⁸ MS. 'pax'

⁵⁷⁹ William A.

⁵⁸⁰ See f.121v, where Joan's master is named as Henry Fox.

⁵⁸¹ i.e. as against Jeremy, the servant of Ward.

Against Thomas Hall: 'winnowing in the churchyard': ordered as heretofore.

Against James Pettifer: fame of incontinence with Anne, wife of [blank]⁵⁸² Pratchett: cited Friday last: did not appear: excommunicated; then appeared; denied 'that he hath at any time had the carnal knowledge of the body of the said [blank] Pratchett, neither did he at any time attempt her chastity. But he saith that about a year since he went about noon to the house of the said Pratchett with a purpose to [this continues in spaces between causes already recorded on f.126v, in space between record of causes against John Robins and Jeremy, servant of Samuel Ward]⁵⁸³ have hired him to work with him the next day, and he being not at home and the said time his wife promising him that her husband should come, he, this respondent, did thereupon at her request give her a penny pot of beer and she went forth to fetch it; [this continues on f. 126v in space between record of causes against Jeremy, servant of Samuel Ward, and Joanna, maidservant of Henry Cox] he, this respondent, complaining unto her that he was not well, she wished him go up into the chamber, telling him that there was a bed for him to lie upon, whereupon he went up the stairs and being within a step of these up he rested [this continues on f.126v, in a space after record of cause against Joanna, maidservant of Henry Cox] there; and while he was there the mother of the said Anne came into the lower room and, enquiring of her daughter what was above, she answered that Goodman Pettifer, speaking of this respondent, was there and very sick; and recovering to be a little better at ease he came down and went forth, having not stayed a quarter of an hour in the house from the first to the last. [This continues on f.127, in space after record of cause against William Jarvis.] Since which time the churchwardens, as he hath heard and as now appeareth unto him, have presented him upon the suspicion of incontinence with the said Pratchett's wife upon occasion, as he believeth, of the wife of one Rymell⁵⁸⁴ dwelling at the next house joining it, Pratchett's house, falling out with Pratchett's wife and calling her Pettifer's whore; he further saith that there was not any person in the house [this continues on f.127, in spaces between record of causes against Pratchett and William Higgins] of the said Pratchett while he was there but a child of the age of six or seven,⁵⁸⁵ beside the mother that came in thither as aforesaid, and the said Pratchett that came the next day to this examinee's house and did work there that day at plastering': received 4s.6d.

Against the said Pratchett: same cause: cited: to be sought.

⁵⁸² William.

⁵⁸³ It was canon-law practice to write the title of each case in the court act book in advance of a session, leaving a space in which the subsequent court action would be recorded; sometimes (as here), insufficient space had been allowed, so the clerk is obliged to fill adjacent blank spaces, as necessary, to complete his record.

⁵⁸⁴ Possibly, Joyce Browne, who m. John Rymyll (Rimell), 9 October 1609 - 'Goodwife Rymill' of Calthorpe.

⁵⁸⁵ Pettifer would seem to have erred in his assessment of the child's age, for the Pratchetts bap. a dau., Katherine, on 15 November 1629. Pettifer, a family man himself, had m. Margery Cartwright, 8 February 1613/4, and at this time was father of four children.

Against William Higgins, junior, and his wife: incontinence before marriage: cited: to be sought.

Against [blank]⁵⁸⁶ wife of William Jarvis: bawdry: cited: appeared; required to reply faithfully to the detection; refused: excommunicated.

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Against Alice Sharp: 'for striking Nicholas Feild in the churchyard': cited: required to answer to the detection; refused: excommunicated.

Against Isabel Feild, alias Hartlett, wife of Passover Hartlett: incontinence with Anthony Bishop: penance did not go forth.

Against the said Anthony Bishopp of Calthorpe, miller: same cause: cited: to be sought.

Against Edward Russell: fame of incontinence with Dorothy Done: cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against the said Dorothy Done: same cause: cited.

Against John Haynes, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Haynes, widow: cited: did not appear: excommunicated.

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Against Richard Carpenter, alias Essex, alias Crosby: incontinence with Marian Drinkwater: penance: pauper: received 2s.

Against [blank] Knight, occupier of the goods of Bazaliel Knight:⁵⁸⁷ sought on Saturday last: to be sought.

Against Mary, relict and temerarious administratrix of the goods of Edmund Gulliver:⁵⁸⁸ sought Saturday last: to be sought.

Against [blank]⁵⁸⁹ relict and temerarious administratrix of the goods of Hampden Nicholls:⁵⁹⁰ [no entry].

Against [blank] occupier of the goods of Helen Stocklie:⁵⁹¹ [no entry].

Elizabeth White against Thomas Sivier: defamation: Horne: Horne alleged Sivier had been sought: appeared; acknowledged that the said Elizabeth, charging him to have stolen a capon from her, he called her [*this continues on f.128, in space between record of causes against the relict of Hampden Nicholls and occupier of goods of Helen Stocklie*] whore and pulling her husband to come in to her into the house he spake to her to pull him in hard lest his horns⁵⁹² should stick in the door as being done

⁵⁸⁶ Sarah.

⁵⁸⁷ Bur. 29 April 1635, 'Mr. Bezaliell, gentleman'; P.C.C. [104 Sadler] (*W. & I.* 2, p.164); with his father, William K., and brother-in-law, John Terry, summoned before the Privy Council, 5 February 1626/7, for refusing to contribute to Forced Loan; his father-in-law, John Turton, also refused.

⁵⁸⁸ No burial entry in *B. Reg.*

⁵⁸⁹ Elizabeth N.

⁵⁹⁰ Bur. 7 August 1635 (Hamdinet Nicholles); *W. & I.* 2, No. 349 (Nicholes).

⁵⁹¹ Bur. 20 August 1635 (Stockly); *W. & I.* 2, No. 350, Elen Stockly, dau., named as res. leg. and exix.

⁵⁹² 'Through western Europe a husband was thought to grow invisible horns when his wife was unfaithful to him. Elizabethan and Stuart literature was full of such allusions. To indicate this condition neighbours would point to the man concerned with their index finger and with the little finger rigidly extended. The hanging of ram's horns over the door of the couple to be disgraced indicated even deeper public resentment.' (G.R. Quaife, *Wanton Wenches and Wayward Wives* (1979), p.199).

in Parson's Lane⁵⁹³ in Banbury on Wednesday afore Whitsuntide': received 2s.

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Against the occupier of the goods of Michael,⁵⁹⁴ servant of Mr. Chamberlayne of Wickham:⁵⁹⁵ cited.

Against Richard Styward, junior: 'for being often drunk and for often swearing': cited.

Against Richard Richards, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Mary Wells, widow: cited: appeared Joan Richards, wife of Richard and daughter of the said Mary, and swore 'that the said Mary her mother was kept for divers years before her death at her husband's charge, and part at the charge of the parish, and died worth nothing besides her poor clothes': received 1s.6d.

Against Anne Pratchett, wife of William Pratchett: 15th September answered 'that James Pettifer of Banbury came to her house in an afternoon, according to her remembrance, and, enquiring of her where her husband was, she answered him that he was [at] Mr. Knight's house at work. Then he complained that he was not well, whereupon she wished him to sit down in that lower room or go into the chamber. And then he went up the stairs and sat down at the stairs head and went not into the chamber. And while he was sitting there Joyce Hall, her husband's mother,⁵⁹⁶ came into the house to her, this examine, being in the lower

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[room] and enquiring of her who that was that went up stairs, she told her it was her husband; and her mother going away, the said Pettifer came down stairs into the said lower room and departed, the time of his being from his first coming in till he went away being about a quarter of an hour or thereabout at his first coming in. He gave her, as she saith, 7d. to fetch him a pot of beer, which she fetched and brought him 6d. again, whether he drank of the beer or not she knoweth not. He did not kiss her and she denieth that Pettifer was at her house at any time before, nor was she ever in his company before that time, and when that was she cannot call to remembrance': to purge with four.

Against Sarah Jarvis, wife of William Jarvis: 16th September; answered 'that Elizabeth Hadden, now wife of William Higgins of Banbury, about a year and a half since, being then unmarried, and sojourning then at this respondent's house, she being her cousin, went abroad in the evening about ten of the clock, this examine having gone to bed for her husband to come home, who was then abroad in the company of one Robert Toms of King's Sutton at the house of this respondent's father-in-law William Jarvis; and about an hour after the said Elizabeth and her husband came home, having the said Toms in their company and the said Elizabeth giving this

⁵⁹³ The earliest reference to Parson's Lane (now Parsons Street) is in a deed of 1410; a Brasenose College deed of 1458 refers to a tenement in 'Groecont Lane now called Parson's Lane' - the name Groecont Lane is first recorded in 1333, and still occurs as late as 1564 (E.R.C. Brinkworth, *Old Banbury*, p.8).

⁵⁹⁴ Appears to be no burial entry in *B. Reg.*

⁵⁹⁵ George C., esquire, s. of Sergeant and Mary C. of Wickham.

⁵⁹⁶ Joyce Hall (Haulle) m. Allen Hartlet, 6 June 1591.

respondent then to understand that she and the said Robert, who was then coming up to them, had made an agreement concerning their lying together, and that he had promised to give her £10 a year if he did beget her with child and that he would give her his bond to that purpose, and this examine reprehending her for it, she flung away from her, saying you are never apt to do me any good; afterwards, when this respondent's said husband was come to bed

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to her, they, the said Elizabeth and Toms, came up into the same way and lay together all that night upon some leasings of pease straw, and in the morning the said Elizabeth lying there asleep, her husband went abroad to his work, leaving her there asleep'.

Against Elizabeth Higgins: 16th September, 1635, before the Judge in his house at Banbury: appeared; answered 'that she was married the tenth day of May last unto her husband William Higgins at Sherborne in the county of Warwick by the Minister of that place without any licence or banns asking, that Church being usually called a Lawless Church. She being then a dweller at Farnborough in the county of Warwick, and her said husband being then of Banbury, they paid for their marriage 11s.; and about a month before Christmas last she was delivered of a man child,⁵⁹⁷ begotten on her body by one Robert Toms of King's Sutton, who had the use of her body at the house of William Jarvis the younger in Banbury eight weeks before her marriage. She first became acquainted with him at the house of Mr. Jarvis the elder in Banbury, she using thither and he coming thither and finding her did solicit her to have the use of her body, and she lodging at young Jarvis his house, his wife and she being gone to bed, she being great with child and finding herself ill wished, this respondent to ease and to go for her husband to her father's house, and the said Toms being there he did override her to stay drinking with him and with the said Jarvis the younger, about two hours after the said Jarvis and this respondent [made] agreement that he should lie with her came to the said [Jarvis]

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come up into the chamber where the said Jarvis, his [wife], lay in bed, this respondent did tell her that the said Toms had bargained to lie with her that night and that he, in case she should prove with child, would give her £10 a year to keep it; whereto she, the said Sarah wife of the said Jarvis, did not show herself very willing, but her husband being gone to bed to her they two, vizt. this respondent and the said Robert Toms, lay in their clothes together all that night in the same room upon a wad of pease straw where he had the use of her body twice or thrice that night there, to which their lying together the said Jarvis the younger was consenting and was present and heard how the said Toms solicited her and promised maintenance to her child if she proved so and was consenting that he should come to his house with this respondent to that purpose; and when she perceived herself to be with child she went to King's Sutton to speak with the said Toms, who met her in a meadow there, and did there promise to come to Banbury to make some agreement the next market day, at which time two of his brothers, George Toms of Astrop in the parish of King's Sutton, and Edward Toms

⁵⁹⁷ 'William s. of William Higin's', bap. 23 November 1634.

of King's Sutton, came and made an agreement with John Haddon, her brother, of Farnborough in the county of Warwick, for £4.10s., whereof 40s. was paid at that time and the rest was to be paid at the birth of the child and was accordingly paid by the said George and Edward to this respondent's husband, who was persuaded to marry with her by the foresaid Sarah and did understand before their marriage by this respondent's relation unto him of her being with child by the said Toms, and about April last upon some discontentment between her and [her] husband she carried the child to King's Sutton, her brother having given his bond of £10 to save

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the father Robert Toms harmless she was fain to bring home the child'.

9th December, 1635:

Richard Washington,⁵⁹⁸ clerk, Rector of the parish of Swerford against John Hall: tithe: cited: received 2s.

Mr. George Harford, clerk, M.A., licensed to teach children at Banbury:⁵⁹⁹ [no entry].

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Banbury, Tuesday, 14th March, 1635/6.

ACTS in the Parish Church of Banbury between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. before Dr. Sweit, Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury, in the presence of Humphrey Jones, Notary Public.

Of Mr. Wheatley for six licences: [no entry].

ODc. Thomas Robins, son of Humphrey Robins: incontinence with one unknown: remains excommunicated.

Against Alice Jourden: 'absence from church upon Sunday mornings': excommunicated.

Against John Long: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Wilkins: same cause: excommunicated.

Against John Bull, senior, of Nethercote: same cause: excommunicated.

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Against [blank], daughter and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Austin: excommunication not issued.

Against Thomas Penn: fame of incontinence with Rose King, his maidservant: excommunicated, inhibited heretofore.⁶⁰⁰

Against Michael Harvey, saddler, and his wife: clandestine marriage: and for winnowing in the churchyard: excommunicated.

⁵⁹⁸ Richard Washington of Yorks.: matriculated, University College, Oxford, 23 October 1618, aged 16; B.A., 28 February 1621/2; M.A., 5 July 1624; Fellow, 1626; B.D., 3 April 1633; Rector of Swerford, Oxon., 1634; precentor of Christ Church, Dublin, 1639-46; Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, 1640 (Foster).

⁵⁹⁹ Succeeded John Howes (1639-41) as Vicar of B., 17 June 1641, until he resigned in 1649; why he resigned is a mystery, but his successor, Samuel Wells (1649-62), was inducted on the orders of the House of Lords (Lords' Journals, Vol. 10, p.501).

⁶⁰⁰ MS. 'a retro'.

Against Thomas Page and Martha, his wife: incontinence before marriage: excommunicated.

Against Mary, wife of Thomas Huckell: 'for absence from church': excommunicated; Mary absolved; dismissed with monition: received 2s.6d.

Against William Perrin: 'he tore open the churchyard gate and brought in hay, etc. the last year': sought: appeared; answered 'that he brought a load of hay through the churchyard into Mr. Wheatley's backside, having leave of Mr Wheatley to do so, the hay being his, this respondent's goods, for which he submitteth himself and promiseth to do so [*sic* for no ?] more': ordered to observe this and monished to pay fees before recess: received 2s.

Against Mr. Martin Tustian, temerarious occupier of the goods of Thomas Tustian his father: excommunication not issued; dismissed: received 3s.6d.

[f.132]

Against Richard Wrighton: 'since Easter last was twelve month he brought home carriage in a cart through the churchyard': sought by Timothy Harrys,⁶⁰¹ affixing letters on the door of the church in time of morning prayers: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mary, relict and executrix of the will of John Hawten of Grimsbury:⁶⁰² sought: received 3s.6d.

Against John Kimbell, occupier of the goods of Anne Kimbell of Neithrop: excommunicated: 'dispatched the last court'.

Against John Nibb, executor of the will of Thomas Jackson: [*no entry*].

Against John Robins and Elizabeth Hadley, alias White: appeared Elizabeth; offered to purge 'that the said John Robins never had the carnal knowledge of her body that she reported of him that he had done so': to purge; introduced as compurgators Anne Reynolds, Juliane Long, Jane Benboe and Barbara Box, who swore for said Elizabeth that she never committed adultery or incontinence with said Robins and that she never reported that he had lain with her: purged; dismissed: received 18s. and 3s.6d. from Robins.

Against Jeremy, servant of Samuel Ward: incontinence with Joan, maidservant of Henry Cox:⁶⁰³ sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against said Joan: same cause: sought: as above.

Against James Pettifer: fame of incontinence with Anne, the wife of Pratchett: sought: did not appear: excommunicated. Later, 16th March, appeared Pettifer; offered to purge: to purge with four: as to the fault of his drunkenness at that time, to confess: paid 28s. for himself and Pratchett.

[f.132v]

Against said Pratchett: same cause: had been ordered to purge; appeared; brought as compurgators Margaret Deane, Alice Roce, Anne Viccars, Florence Rickettes; swore that Pratchett had not committed adultery with Pettifer: purged.

Against William Higgins, junior, and his wife: incontinence before marriage: sought.

⁶⁰¹ Apparitor.

⁶⁰² Bur. 26 May 1634; P.C.C. [105 Scager] (*W. & I.* 2, p.164).

⁶⁰³ Henry Fox in f.121v; Cox appears to be a clerical error.

Against Sarah, wife of William Jarvis: bawdry: [cited, s.t.].

Against Alice Sharpe: 'for striking Nicholas Feild in the churchyard': excommunicated.

Against Isabel Feild, alias Hartlett, wife of Passover Hartlett: incontinence with Anthony Bishopp: penalty not issued.

Against said Anthony Bishopp of Calthrop, miller: same cause: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Edward Russell: incontinence with Dorothy Done: excommunicated; Russell introduced inhibition bearing date 8th October, 1635, of the Court of Arches;⁶⁰⁴ Judge decreed suspension of case: received 2s.6d.

[f.133]

Against John Haynes, son and temerarious occupier of the goods of Margaret Haynes: excommunicated: appeared; absolved.

Against [blank] Knight, occupier of the goods of Bazaliel Knight: sought: appeared; exhibited will proved 6th November last in Prerogative Court of Canterbury: received 2s.6d.

Against Mary, relict and temerarious administratrix of the goods of Edmund Gulliver: sought: appeared; renunciated: received 4d.

Against Elizabeth, relict and temerarious administratrix of the goods of Hamden Nicholls: cited: appeared; exhibited account; refused to pay fees: excommunicated: pauper.

Against [blank] occupier of the goods of Helen Stockley: cited.

Elizabeth White against Thomas Jurden Sivier:⁶⁰⁵ defamation: penance and to pay expenses: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against occupier of the goods of Michael, servant of Mr. Chamberlayne of Wickham: cited.

Against Richard Styward, junior: 'for being often drunk and for often swearing': cited: sought: did not appear: excommunicated.

[f.133v]

Against Sarah Jarvis, wife of William Jarvis: [no entry].

Against occupier of the goods of Matthew Long of Neithrop:⁶⁰⁶ cited.

Against occupier of the goods of widow Mayo: cited.

Against occupier of the goods of widow Huincke:⁶⁰⁷ cited: appeared son; will proved: received 6s.9d.

⁶⁰⁴ 'The Court of the Arches (*curia de arcubus*), and the person who administers justice there, the official principal of the archbishop (*officialis de arcubus*, usually, but not necessarily, the same person was also Dean of the Arches) is judge of the peculiars, that is of all those parishes, fifty-seven in number, which though lying in other dioceses, yet are no way subject to the bishop or archdeacon, but to the archbishop. It is chiefly a court of appeal and those peculiars of the province of Canterbury (i.e. those other than the thirteen in the City of London) are subject to commissaries, and from them an appeal lies to the Court of Arches.' (Burn, 1, pp. 98-98a).

⁶⁰⁵ See f.128. Here 'Jurden' has been inserted by the clerk between 'Thomas' and 'Sivier'.

⁶⁰⁶ Bur. 29 September 1635 (*Longe*); his wid., Mary, bur. 27 October 1646.

⁶⁰⁷ Bur. 25 January 1635/6 (Joyce *Youicke* of Neithrop); *W. & I.* 2, No. 351, Nathaniel Y. named as exor.

Against John King,⁶⁰⁸ mercer: incontinence with Sarah Rock: cited: sought.

Against Sarah Rock: same cause: cited: sought.

Against Thomas Penn: cited: sought.

[f.134]

Against William Higgins: incontinence before marriage with Elizabeth, his wife: [no entry].

Against said Elizabeth Higgins: same cause: [no entry].

Against William Jarvis: 'for his bawdry in consenting and giving way to one Robert Toms of King's Sutton to commit incontinency or adultery with the said Elizabeth, who, by his and his wife's consent, lay together in the bedchamber of him, the said Jarvis, about two years since upon some leasings of pease straw, from ten o'clock or thereabout till the next morning; the said Jarvis being then with his wife in a standing bed in the same room': [no entry].

[f.134v]

[*Against* Robert Toms of King's Sutton, s.t.]

Against George Toms of Astrop in the parish of King's Sutton: appeared; answered 'that £5 being paid by his brother Robert to one Higgins of Banbury, and to his wife's brother to take of their clamour against the said Robert concerning the begetting with child of the said Higgins, his wife, as they pretended by the said Robert, they, the said Higgins and his said wife's brother, did enter into bond to the said Robert Toms to have him harmless.'

Against Edward Toms of King's Sutton: [no entry].

'of which bond this respondent was one of the witnesses, vizt. of the sealing and delivery thereof, and he denieth that he had any hand in contriving the agreement concerning the same or did otherwise intermeddle in that business. He also allegeth that the said Robert Toms, his brother, did tell this respondent that he, being heretofore presented by the churchwardens of King's Sutton at the Archbishop's Visitation in Layton in the county of Buckingham upon a fame of incontinence with an unknown woman at Banbury, was there discharged from that presentment, and to that purpose, he produced an act sped before one William Roane,⁶⁰⁹ bachelor of laws, surrogate unto Dr. Farmer,⁶¹⁰ Commissary to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, his grace, in the presence of Hatfield Reckles, Public Notary, the Registrar's deputy, importing that one John Elliott, alias Miller, alleged that the said Toms was sick and not well able to appear there to answer concerning that presentment, and that he was an honest man

⁶⁰⁸ Tithingman (1642-3), Constable (1643-4), Wool-weighter (1655-6); *B.C.R.* for biography (p.312); had m. Katherine Bently, 18 May 1632. The *B. Reg.* records, 1 May 1636, the bap. of 'John s. of Sarah Rocke, supposed to be the sonn of John Kinge, base borne.'

⁶⁰⁹ Gwilliams Roane: b.1608; scholar, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1626; fellow, 1629-43; LL.B., 1630, LL.D., 1637; admitted to the Arches, 23 October 1637; listed as member of Doctors' Commons, 1639, but no record of full admission; practised in Court of Arches, 1639; Commissary of Official of Archdeacon of Buckingham, 1637. (Venn; Squibb, p.208; Levack, p.266).

⁶¹⁰ John Farmer/Farmerie: D.C.L., Oxford, from St. John's College, Cambridge; admitted to the Arches, 18 June 1624; Chancellor, Lincoln diocese, 1621; M.P. for City of Lincoln, 1640. (Foster; Levack, p. 229).

and free from all such crimes, and the fames thereof or to that purpose etc., and that the said surrogate did thereupon decree' that proceedings should be stayed in this matter.⁶¹¹

[f.135]

Against John Robins: appeared; asked whether he ever had the carnal knowledge of the body of Elizabeth Hadley or report that he had the use of her body, answered 'that the said Elizabeth did, within this last year and [a] half in the hearing of sundry witnesses, namely Joseph Bartlett of Banbury and John Mumford of Wroxton, confess that he, this respondent, had the use of her body, and being asked upon his oath whether it be true that he had the use of her body he refuseth to make any answer thereunto': dismissed heretofore.

Mr. George Harforde, subscription to the Articles of Religion: received 1s.

[f.135v]

14th March, 1635/6.

'Joseph Bartlett of Banbury, tailor, sayeth that Elizabeth Hadley, now the wife of Mathew White of Banbury, shoemaker,⁶¹² being about three quarters of a year since come into this respondent's backside for water, and John Robins of Banbury, shoemaker, being at that time with the said Elizabeth in the said backside, and they two there falling out together, into some angry and uncivil terms, this examine did then hear the said Elizabeth say unto the said John Robins that he had been nought with her and had lain with her and would have lain oftener with her if she would have suffered him. One John Mumford of Wroxton and some others whose names he doth not at this time well remember being then within the hearing of the said words

The mark of Joseph

Bartlett'.

Dismissed.

[f.136]

16th March, 1635/6 before Dr. Sweit, Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury and Buckingham with King's Sutton, in the presence of [blank].

ODc. Robert Toms of King's Sutton: incontinence with Elizabeth Higgins: appeared; Robert French, gentleman,⁶¹³ alleged Robert Toms to be old, namely 70, not able to appear personally and answered for him 'that he, the said Toms, did commit incontinency with the said Elizabeth Higgins at the house of one William Jarvis in Banbury within these last two years, for which offence the said Mr. French, for and in the name of the said Toms and by his special direction and warrant (as he affirmed), did submit and undertake that the said Toms shall perform such order as the said Judge shall enjoin to be performed by him for his said offence': penance; 'But the said Mr.

⁶¹¹ MS. 'supersedenum fore in hoc negotio

⁶¹² m. 28 May 1635.

⁶¹³ MS. 'generosus'.

French, affirming that the said Toms was a very aged man, as before stated,⁶¹⁴ and that his doing of public penance may be a great impairing to his health, did therefore earnestly desire that some moderate sum of money may be accepted of, in pious usus, for a commutation of his said penance. It being so that the said Toms (as it is credibly affirmed by the said Mr. French) is but a poor man and that he hath been formerly much troubled concerning this business to his great charges and hindrance': penance commuted in the sum of 40s.

[f.136v]

Against Lancelot Sparks and John Sparks of Hardwick: 'for their rate towards the church, viz. in John Kymble's time and since in John Churchill's time by several rates, 10s., viz. the first rate in John Churchill's time 3s. a-piece and 1s. a-piece for two other several rates':⁶¹⁵ to be cited.

[f.137]

COURT held in the Parish Church of Banbury, Monday, 10th October, 1638, before Mr. William Wheatley, M.A., surrogate of Dr. Sweit, Commissary, in the presence of Gregory Remington, Notary Public,⁶¹⁶ Registrar etc.

Against Thomas Middleton, Henry Fox and Nathaniel Wheatley, farmers of the rectory of Banbury: for three years glebe. [*Margin* - Bourton].

Against Elizabeth Glover, midwife: appeared before Mr. George Harford, clerk, M.A., surrogate: to be cited for fees. [*Margin* - Judge 6s.8d.; Registrar 3s.4d.]

Against Margaret Jones, midwife: as above.

Against Robert Walsoe: 'for not receiving the communion according to the 64th article':⁶¹⁷ did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mr. Robert Vivers:⁶¹⁸ 'for not paying his levy for repairs of the church, being 1s.': did not appear: to be sought by ways and means.

[f.137v]

Against George Howes: fame of incontinence with Elizabeth Hawkes:⁶¹⁹ [*no entry*].

Against Elizabeth Hawkes: same cause: [*no entry*].

⁶¹⁴ MS. 'ut supra'.

⁶¹⁵ John Kymble, CW., 1632, 1633, 1634; John Churchill, CW., 1634, 1635.

⁶¹⁶ See f.1, Note 2.

⁶¹⁷ The 64th of the Articles of Visitation: according to the Book of Common Prayer, everyone had to communicate at least three times a year, so the question was always asked whether anyone had failed to do this. Canon 119 required that when CWs. and SM. were sworn they should be given, by the Commissary, 'such Books of Articles, as they or any of them shall require for the year following... to ground their Presentments upon, at such times as they are to exhibit them'; this would give them sufficient time to 'frame them [i.e. their presentments] at home both advisedly and truly, to the discharge of their own Consciences, after they are Sworn, as becometh honest and godly Men'.

⁶¹⁸ Robert Vivers, the fourth of Richard and Elizabeth's fourteen children and their eldest surviving son (bap. 8 March 1606/7); held lease of B. rectory, 1650; he also owned B. mill. His father (fn.248) was constantly being charged with failing to maintain the chancel. Robert married Anne, youngest daughter of Mistress Mary Hawten of Calthorpe, whose household regime appears to have been very relaxed! See fn. 252.

⁶¹⁹ Possibly, Elizabeth, wid. of William Hawkes (Hauks, Hancks) (bur. 13 June 1637).

Against Mr. [blank]⁶²⁰ Crosley, physician:⁶²¹ not licensed: to be cited.

Against William Knight, physician: not licensed: did not appear: excommunicated.

Against Mathew Barnes of Bourton: to render account of the goods of Jane Barnes, his mother: [no entry].

[f.138]

Against Richard Vivers: 'for his tax to the church, viz. 24s.': cited: appeared after the court; alleged that he had paid his tax of 24s for which he was presented in the presence of William Wheatley one of the churchwardens: dismissed.⁶²²

Against said Richard Vivers: 'for his tax, vizt. 12s.': cited: as above.

Against Aholiab West: 'for his tax, vizt. 7s': as above.

Against George Howes: fame of incontinence with Elizabeth Hawkes: cited.

[f.138v]

Against said Elizabeth Hawkes: same cause: cited.

Against Margaret Jones, widow: 'for exercising the office of a midwife': cited.

Against Mr. [blank] Crossley: 'for practising of physick without licence': cited: absolved; dismissed without fees.

Against Mr William Knight: same cause: cited: to be sought by ways and means.

⁶²⁰ John, bur. 4 August 1641 (J.S.W. Gibson, 'Probate Records, Addenda and Corrigenda', C. & C., Vol. II, No. 1 (Autumn 1988), p.27).

⁶²¹ MS. 'medicus'.

⁶²² Richard V., a former CW. himself (1605), and Mr. Foster, 'the Attorney', had been presented by the CWs., 17 June 1619, for refusing to pay a church assessment (Peyton, p.214).

ANALYSIS

For list of abbreviations, see pages 57-58.

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[1]	<i>ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 3rd January, 1625/6. 12-3 p.m. G.S. H.J. J.J.</i>			
ODc	Smalebone, Edward	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bentley, Mary	inc.	n.	ex.
	Richards, Richard	inc.	n.	vmpx.
[1v]	Nayler, Catherine	inc.	a.	purg. 4.
	Welford, Richard	inc. &	a.	to purg. 4 for inc.
		cland. mar.		ex. for cland. mar.
	Welford, Avis	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Righton, Susan	inc.	a.	pen.
[2]	Clerk, Michael	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Judd, Margery	inc.	a.	pen.
	Steward, John	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Ragg, Eleanor	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Steward, Lawrence	conveying away his son, accused of inc.	a.	dim.
[2v]	Southam (als. Cooke), Alice	inc.	a.	pen., then excused on plea of 'the magistrates & others of the town.'
[3]	Wheatley, John, mercer	inc.	n.	ex.
	Weston, Mary	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Wheatley, John	dr. & sw.	n.	em.cit.
	Udall, Robert	wkg. Sab.	a.	dcm.
	Pynar, Abraham	sw. & dr.	a.	pen.
	Hawse, Thomas	dr. & sw.	a.	pen.
[3v]	Allen, Joyce	'picking of grottes' on Sab.	a.	dim.
	Allen, Joyce	disorderly in church	a.	dim.
	Fitch, Henry	test.	a.	n.e.
	con. Hollyhead, Thomas			
	Oc. Ditchfeild, Richard	test.		Had been dealt with.
[4]	Oc. Tayler, Alice (T, William, son)	test.	n.	exhib. inv., vmpx.
	Oc. Samon, William (S, Mary, rel.)	test.	a.	exhib. inv.
	Ocs. Sprigg, Elizabeth	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Ocs. Tayler, Robert	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted, acct. exhib.
	Ocs. Kymble, Richard (K, Anne, rel.)	test.	a.	will & inv. exhib., will proved.
	Ocs. Hosier, William	test.	a.	letters of admin. granted to Nicholls, John & Digwillian, Peter.

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[4 ctd]	Ocs. Dodson, Charles	test.	n.	em.cit.
[4v]	Ocs. Chamberlayne, Thomas, knight	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Ocs. Hallyhead, Anne	test.	'Query'	
	Croftes, Robert, SM.	no oath	a.	oath taken.
	Calcott, William, SM.	no oath	n.	to be cited px.
	Robins, John (R, George, son & exor.)	test.	a.	will & inv. exhib., will proved, admin. granted.
[5]	Hall, Richard, SM.	no oath	a.	oath taken.
	Dudley, Mathew, SM.	no oath	n.	sworn with CWs.
	Densy, Edith (D, Thomas, rel.)	test.	n. (ill)	to be cited px.
	Rel. of Pilkington, Edward	test.	n.	ex.
	Pitham, Judith, <i>con.</i> Dawkes, Anne	def. Dawkes to cert. pen.	n.	ex. (read by priest).
	Sherwood, Margaret (rel. S, Hugh)	test.	a.	to exhib. inv., ante px.
	Oc. Long, Thomas	test.	n.	to be cited px.
	Ocs. Raynoldes, John	test.	a.	admin. granted to son, Thomas.
[5v]	Pitham, Judith, <i>con.</i> Williamson, Isabel	def.	a. (W'son)	mon. to appear px.
	Horne, Richard & Elizabeth his rel., of Horley	?	a.	pen.
	Newman, John, cordwainer	child bap. without godparents	n.e.	n.e.
	Newman, [blank], wife of N., John	not churchd	n.e.	n.e.
[6]	Dodson, Anne (rel. & exix. D, Charles)	test.	n.	mon. to appear px.
<i>27th March, 1626, before G.S. [no place or other details].</i>				
	Smalebone, Edmund	inc.	a.	pen. commuted £5, absd. from ex.
	Bentley, Mary	inc.	a.	pen. commuted £4, absd. from ex.
[6v]				
[7]	<i>ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 8th May, 1626. 10-12 a.m. G.S. H.J.</i>			
ODc.	Richards, Richard	inc.	n.	ex.
	Nayler, Catherine	inc.	a.	purgd.
	Welford, Richard & wife, Avis	inc. before mar.	a.	pen.
[7v]	Righton, Susan	inc.	a.	pen. cert.
	Clerke, Michael	inc.	a.	to purg. 4.
	Judd, Margery	inc.	a.	pen. cert.
	Steward, John	inc.	n.	ex.
[8]	Rigg, Eleanor	inc.	n.	ex.
	Southam (als. Cooke), Alice	inc.	a.	pen. cert.

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[8	Whately, John, mercer	dr. & sw.	n.e.	n.e.
<i>ctd.]</i>	Pynar, Abraham	dr. & sw.	n.	ex.
[8v]	Hawse, Thomas	unspecified	a.	dcm.
	Fitch, Henry, <i>con.</i>	test.	a.	to appear further.
	Hollihead, Thomas		(T.H.)	
	Oc. Tayler, Alice	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	(T, William, son)			
	Oc. Sammon, William	test.	a.	admin. granted.
	(S, Mary, rel.)			
	Wootton, Anne	inc.	a.	pen.
[9]	Ocs. Sprigg, Elizabeth	test.	n.	em.cit. W.S.
	(S, William, Mr)			
	Ocs. Hosier, William	test.	a.	inv. exhib.
	(Nicholls, John & Digwillian, Peter)			
	Oc. Hollihead, Anne	test.	a.	admin. granted.
	(H, Henry, jun.)			
	Densy, Edith	test.	a.	exhib. inv.
	(rel. D, Thomas)			
	Oc. Pilkington, Edward	test.	?	to exhib.acct.px.
	(rel. & ador.)			
[9v]	Pitham, Judith, <i>con.</i>	def.		Case suspended - inhibition from Ct. of Audience of Canterbury.
	Dawkes, Anne			
	Sherwood, Margaret	test.	a.	admin. granted to Robert
	(rel. S, Hugh)		(R.C.)	Carpenter; to exhib.inv.&c. px.
	Oc. Longe, Thomas	test.	a.	husband left nothing; dim.
	(L, Joan, rel.)			
	Pitham, Judith, <i>con.</i>	def.	a.	Judge read sentence;
	Williamson, Isabel		(I.W.)	I.W. to appeal.
[10]	Pope, Seth	nhc. Easter	a.	pen.
	Easy, John	nhc. Easter	n.	vmplx.
	Allen, William	nhc. Easter	n.	vmplx.
	Kench, John	nhc. Easter	n.	ex. vmplx.
	Cooper, William	nhc. Easter	n.	ex. vmplx.
	Alsop, Mathew Mr	abuse of ct.	a.	denied & refused to purge; to appear px. to show cause why he should not be ex.
[10v]	Licence for marriage of Richard Cartwright of Clattercote, gent., and Elizabeth Caldwell of Cropredy, 10s.			
	Newman, John, cordwainer	child bap. without godparents	a.	dim.
	Dodson, Anne	test.	a.	dim.
	(rel. & cxix. D, Charles)			
	Griffin, Elizabeth	inc. bef. mar.	a.	pen.
[11]	Swearing of CWs & SM of Banbury, Hornton, and Horley for the year 1626: Banbury: 5 CWs., 6 SM; Hornton: 3 CWs & SM; Horley: 3 CWs & SM. - named and sworn.			

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[11v]	Pitham, Judith, <i>con.</i> Dawkes, Ann	def.	a. (A.D.)	to answer libel.
[12]	<i>ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 18th December, 1626. 12-3 p.m. G.S. H.J.</i>			
ODc	Richards, Richard	inc.	a.	absd. & dim.
	Nayler, Catherine	inc.	n.e.	[Probably absent as mg. says merely fees owing.]
	Welford, Richard	inc. bef. mar. to cert. pen.	n.	reserved px.
[12v]	Rigton, Susan	inc.	n.	pen. performed 'prout a retro.'
	Clarke, Michael	inc.	a.	purg. performed.
	Judd, Margery	inc.	n.	pen. performed 'prout a retro.'
	Steward, John	inc.	n.	ex. denounced.
	Ragg, Eleanor	inc.	n.	ex.
[13]	Southam, (als. Crooke), Alice	inc.	n.	pen. performed 'prout a retro.'
	Whatlie, John, mercer	dr. & sw.	n.e.	n.e.
	Pynar, Abraham	sw. & dr.	n.	ex.
	Fitch, Henry, <i>con.</i>	test.	H'head	H'head to reply ante. px.
	Holihead, Thomas		answered libel in writing	
[13v]	Oc. Sprigg, Elizabeth (S, William)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Ocs. Hosier, William	test.	n.	cited to exhib. acct.
	Oc. Hollyhead, Anne (H, Henry)	test.	a.	exhib. inv.
	Densy, Edith (rel. D, Thomas)	test.	a.	renounced admin. 'prout a retro.'
	Pilkington, Margaret (rel. & adix. P, Edward)	test.	n.	ex.
[14]	Sherwood, Margaret (rel. S, Hugh)	test.	n.	em. cit.
	Oc. Long, Thomas	test.	n.	dim. 'prout a retro.'
	Pittam, Judith, <i>con.</i>	def.	a.	pen. & to pay expenses or
	Williamson, Isabel		(I.W.)	to attend px.
	Griffin, Elizabeth	inc. bef. mar.	a.?	pen. performed & cert.
[14v]	[Wills, Eleanor, of Coulton par. Cropredy (rel. & exix. Giles, Sampson) [Whole entry s.t.]	test.	n.	cit. to exhib. will 'vide lib. act. pro Cropredy']
	Pope, Seth	nhc. Easter, 1625	a.	dim.
	Allen, William	child bap. without godparents	a.	mon. to appear px.
	Kench, [Roger, s.t.]	nhc.	n.	ex.
	Cooper, William	nhc.	n.	ex.

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[15]	Allsoppe, Matthew	abuse of ct.	a. at house of Judge & explained	dim.
	Oc. Luccocke, Thomas cordwainer	test.	?	it is noted he had no goods, pauper.
	Oc. Smith, Michael	test.	a.	to exhib. inv. px.
	Oc. Best, Thomas (Richards, als. Best, Joan)	test.	a.?	em.cit. Let Best, Edward, son & exor. be cited px.
[15v]	Oc. Hatton, Daniel (Anne, rel.)	test.	a.	admin. granted.
	Oc. Browne, Richard (<i>mg.</i> 'heardman of the town') (B. Winifred, rel.)	test.	a.	to exhib. acct.
	Higgins, Frances	inc. (for which she has been carted)	a.	petitioned to be allowed to purge. 5.
	Smith, Henry, carrier	'ordinary' abs.ch.	n.	em.cit.
[16]	Beenham, Zachariah, cordwainer	abs.ch.	n.	vmpx.
	Smalbone, Edmund	inc.	a.	purg. 4.
	Bentley, Mary	inc.	a.	purg. 4.
	Smalebone, Edmund	nhc.	a.?	em.cit.
	Bentley, Mary	nhc.	a.?	em.cit.
[16v]	Hall, Anthony, farmer of portion of tithes, <i>con.</i> Webbe, Thomas	tithes	a. (T.W.)	to reply to libel.
	Pitham, Judith, <i>con.</i> Dawkes, Anne	def.	a. (A.D.)	to reply to libel.
	Easy, John	nhc.	n.	ex.
[17]	Kench, William of Horley.	harbouring	a.	pen.
[17v]	Watton, William of Horley	harbouring	a.	<i>n.e.</i>
	Received of Mr Wheatley fees of 2 licences of marriage (20s).			
	Harte, William, Schoolmaster	not licensed	a.	paid for licence 6s.8d.
	<i>20th December, 1626</i>			
	Oc. Wing, John (Nicholls, Organ)	test.	n.	vmpx.
[18]	The information of Edward Weston, 14, against the purgation of Frances Higgins.			
	Ocs. Brown, George & wife, Eleanor	test.	n.?	CWs. say they died worth 30s. & half of that was owing to ch. [No further entry]
	Oc. Pyner, George (P, Joan, sister & exix.)	test.	a.	will proved.
[18v]	[Blank]			

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[19]	<i>ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 11th May, 1627. 9-12 a.m. G.S. H.J.</i>			
ODc	Richards, Richard	inc.	n.	dim. 'a retro.'
	Nayler Catherine	inc.	n.	to be cited px.
	Welford, Richard	inc.	n.	postponed to px.
[19v]	Ragge, Eleanor	inc.	n.	ex.
	Whatlie, John	common dr. & sw.	n.	cit.non.em.
	Pynar, Abraham	notorious	n.	ex.
		sw. cu. & dr.		
	Fitch, Henry, <i>con.</i>	test.	a.	H'head responded to
	Hollihead, Thomas		(T.H.)	allegations.
[20]	Oc. Sprigg, Elizabeth	test.		to be cited px.
	(S, William)			
	Ocs. Hosier, William	test.	a.	exhib. acct.
	(Mr Nicholls, ador.)		(Mr N.)	
	Oc. Pilkington, Edward	test.	a.	exhib. acct.
	(P, Margaret, rel. & adix.)			
	Sherwood, Margaret	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	(rel. S, Hugh)			
	Pitham, Judith, <i>con.</i>	def.	n.	W. had done pen., but now did
	Williamson, Isabel		(I.W.)	not appear to pay expenses,
				so ex.
[20v]	Allen, William	to cert. pen.	n.	ex.
	Kench, [<i>blank</i>], pauper	nhc.	?	ex.non.em.
	Cooper, William	nhc.	?	ex.non.em.
	Oc. Smith, Michael	test.	n.	ex.
	(S, Helen, rel.)			
	Best, Edward	test.	n.	vmpx.
	(son & exor. B, Thomas)			'He is now pressed and is
				gone for a soldier.'
[21]	Smith, Henry, currier	abs.ch.Sab	a.	pen.
	Beenam, Zachariah, cordwainer	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	pen.
	Smalebone, Edmund	inc.	a.	purged 4.
	Bentley, Mary	inc.	a.	purged 3.
[21v]	Smalbone, Edmund	nhc.	n.	to be cited px.
	& Bentley, Mary			
	Hall, Anthony, <i>con.</i>	tithes	?	agreement reached between
	Webbe, Thomas			the parties.
	Pitham, Judith, <i>con.</i>	def.	a.	case to continue px.
	Dawkes, Anne			
	Easy, John	nhc.	n.	non.em.cit.
[22]	Kench, William, of Horley	harbouring	?	to cert. pen.
	Watton, William, of Horley	harbouring	n.e.	n.e.
	Harte, William, 'schoolmaster	no charge given	?	to be cited px.
	at Banbury'			
	Oc. Wing, John	test.	a.	exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
	(Nicholls, Organ)			
	Ocs. Browne, George	test.	n.	to be cited px.
	& his wife, Eleanor			

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[22v]	Tatam, Roger	often dr.	a.	pen.
	Dissill, William	cland mar.	a.	to bring certificate.
	Harvey, Joan	test.	a.	exhib. will & inv., will proved.
	(rel. & exix. H, Simon)			
	Taylor, Alice	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted to
	(dau. T, als. Mayoe, Susan)			Richard French, maltster.
	Wheatley, Alice	test.	a.	exhib. inv. & will,
	(rel. & exix. W, Samuel)			will proved.
	Long, Joan	test.	a.	exhib. inv. & will,
	(rel. & exix. L, John)			will proved.
[23]	5 CWs named and sworn. 6 SM. named and sworn.			
	West, Elizabeth	test.	a.	exhib. inv. & will,
	(rel. & exix. W, Samuel, sen)			will proved.
	Gooddin, Alice	test.	a.	exhib. inv. & will,
	(rel. & exix. G, William)			will proved.
	Craftes, Joan	test.	a.	asked probate to be deferred
	(rel. & exix. C, Robert)			to px; ordered to appear then.
	West, Avis,	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	(rel. W, Samuel, jun.)			
	'she lives at Adderbury'			
[23v]	Oc. Weston, William	test.	n.	to be cited px.
	(W., Margery, rel.)			
	Coates, Anne, pauper	test.	a.	admin. granted.
	(rel. C, Edward)			
	Jurden, Alice	test.	a.	exhib. inv. & will,
	(rel. & exix. J, Richard)			will proved.
	Taylor, Alice	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	(rel. T, Mathew), pauper			
	Rel. of Cox, Thomas,	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	labourer, pauper			
	Southam, Robert	test.	a.	to attend further to answer
	(son, S, Barbara)			interrogatories.
	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Bull, John	often dr.	n.	vmpx.
		& abs. ch.		
[24]	Steward, John	inc.	a.	pen.absd. from ex. for
				previous failure to attend &
				answer in this cause.
	Rickettes, James	test.	n.?	to be cited px.
	[This case dated 27th June, 1627.]			
[24v]	[Blank]			
[25]	ACTS. P. C., Banbury, 16th April, 1628. 1 - 3 p.m. G.S. H. J.			
ODc.	Nayler, Catherine	inc.	n.	to be cit. to give reason why
				she should not be ex. for
				non-payment of fees.

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[25 ctd.]	Welford, Richard	inc. bef. mar.	n.	penalty for not cert. pen. reserved [<i>'ex' struck through, see entry in last ct. He must have been enjoined pen. in a private session, and performed it.</i>]
	Ragge, Eleanor	inc.	n.	ex. [<i>see last ct. entry: shows difference between schedule and letters.</i>]
	Pynar, Abraham	sw., cu., dr.	n.e.	dim. [<i>but probably got private absn.</i>]
[25v]	Fitch, Henry <i>con.</i>	test.	a.	petition of Fitch to conclude all acts.
	Hollyhead, Thomas			
	Oc. Sprigg, Elizabeth (S, William)	test.	a.	explained, dim.
	Sprigge, William	ch. dues to Drayton	a.	ordered to pay & certify px.
	Pilkington, Margaret (rel. P, Edward)	test.	n.	cit.em.
	Pittham, Judith, <i>con.</i> Williamson, Isabel	def. W'son non-payment of fees	n.	W'son ex. for non-payment of fees.
	Such, Samuel & Anne, his wife	cland. mar. & inc. bef. mar.	n.	vmpx.
[26]	Kench, [<i>blank</i>], pauper	nhc.	?	[ex. s.t.]
	Cooper, William	nhc.	?	ex.
	Oc. Smith, Michael (S, Helen, rel.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Smith, Henry, currier	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	had been mon. to attend & cert. pen. - 'he is dead.'
[26v]	Beenam, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Smalebone, Edmund	non-payment of fees	n.	vmpx.
	Bentlie, Mary	non-payment of fees	n.	ex.
	Smalebone, Edmund & Bentlie, Mary	nhc.	n.	em.cit.
	Easy, John	nhc.	?	non.em.ex.
[27]	Pittham, Judith, <i>con.</i> Dawks, Anne	def.	a.	proctor substituted.
	Tatham, Roger	often dr.	a.	pen.
	Dissill, William & Joan, his wife	cland. mar.	a.	exhib. note from Mr Clarkson of Horley, but to attend px. to see further.
	Crafts, Joan (rel. & exix. C, Robert)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., will proved.
[27v]	West, Avis (rel. W, Samuel, jun.)	test.	n.	to be cited px.
	Weston, Margery (mother & exix. W, William)	test.	a.	exhib. will proved P.C.C., but to appear px. to pay fees.

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[27v <i>ctd.</i>]	Jurden, Alice (rel. & exix. J, Richard)	test.	a.	will proved, dim.
	Tayler, Alice, pauper (rel. T, Mathew)	test.	n.	to be cit. px.
	Rel., pauper, Cox, Thos., lab'r.	test.	n.	to be cit. px.
[28]	Southam, Robert	test.	a.	admin. granted to another; R.S. dim.
	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John	commonly dr. & abs ch.	n.	ex.
	Steward, John	inc.	a.	pen. cert.; query payment of fees.
	Higgins, William, labourer	inc.	a.	pen., mon. to appear at house of Judge to receive schedule in writing.
[28v]	Saunders, (als. Blacksley), Elizabeth	inc.	a.	pen.
	White, Richard	inc.	a.	purg. 4.
	Rogers (als. Piper or Pipen), Ursula	inc.	a.	pen.
	Crosby (als. Carpenter), Margaret	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	to answer to the detection px. [there are several unnamed persons in the accusation.]
	Smart, Edward	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
[29]	Crosbey, Gedeon	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	to answer the detection px.
	Marmian, Richard Mr & [blank], his wife	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Whatlie, John, mercer	'many times' dr.	n.	em.cit.
	Bull, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Bentlie, Mathew (B, Mary, rel.)	test.	a.	renounced admin., which was granted to Edmund Smalebone.
[29v]	Rickettes, James	test.	a.	French, pro. Steward, Anne, gave in allegations with schedule of will of Richardes, Isabella, & begged it be admitted.
	Cornwell, Alice, <i>con.</i>	def.	a.	French gave in libel,
	Fox, Henry (A.C. constituted French her proctor at the house of the Judge)		(Fox)	Fox answered, no conclusion.
	Drinkwater, Marian (rel. & adix. D, George)	test.		She had exhib. acct. 'apud Oxon' (=a).
[30]	Oc. Smith, Henry, currier	test.		em.cit
	Oc. Smith, John, shoemaker (S, John, son)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Crowder, Thomas (C, Elizabeth, rel.)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., renounced admin.; admin. committed to Wattes, Edward.

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[30 <i>ctd.</i>]	Oc. Winge, Thomas shoemaker (W, Isabel, rel.)	test.	a.	renounced admin.; admin. committed to Parsons, Edward.
	Oc. Wawford, Walter W, Elizabeth, wife)	test.	a.	exhib. inv. & will proved.
[30v]	Oc. Allen, Elizabeth [blank], dau.	test.	n.	to be cited px.
	CWs and SM. for previous and current years: 1627: 5 CWs. named & sworn; 1628: 5 CWs. named, 4 sworn; 1627: 6 SM named & sworn; 1628: 6 SM named, 5 sworn.			
[31]	Nichols, John Mr (exor. N, Thomas)	test.	a.	will proved.
	<i>Note of receiving fees of £6 for 5 marriage licences from Mr Wheatley.</i>			
	Busby, Anne, defunct	test.	a.	admin. granted to E.B. (Bradford, Eliz.)
	<i>In the church of Horley, 27th April, 1628, 3-5 p.m.</i>			
	CWs. of Horley and Hornton:			
	Horley: 2 CWs. named and sworn; Hornton 2 Cws. named, 1 sworn, 1 abs.			
	Horley: 2 SM. named & sworn; Hornton 2 SM named & sworn.			
[31v]	Watton, William of Horley & Margaret, his wife	inc. bef. mar.	a. (W.W.)	pen. (the man only).
	Watton, William, of Horley	inc. with Densy, Alice	a.	confesses fame, denies fact; offered purg.; allowed purg. 4 ante next ct. at Banbury.
	<i>16th April, 1628, re Bentley, Mathew, died intestate: inv. exhib., admin. granted to Edward Smalebone.</i>			
[32]	<i>ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 10th November, 1628. 12-3 p.m. G.S. H.J.</i>			
ODc.	Ragg, Eleanor	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Fitch, Henry, <i>con.</i>	test.	a.	sentence px.
	Hallihead, Thomas			
	Oc. Sprigge, Elizabeth (S, William)	test.	n.	dim. 'a retro.'
	Sprigge, William	owes dues to Drayton ch.	a.	again ordered to pay px. [<i>See ante</i>].
[32v]	Pittham, Judith, <i>con.</i>	def.	?	excom. signified to the King's Majesty.
	Williamson, Isabel			
	Such, Samuel & Anne, his wife	cland.mar. & inc. bef.mar.	n.	ex.
	Cooper, William	nhc.	n.	remains ex.
	Oc. Smith, Michael (S, Helen, rel.)	test.	?	ex.
	Beenham, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	absd. from previous excom., dcm.
[33]	Smalebone, Edward [<i>sic</i>]	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Bentlie, Mary	inc.	n.	ex.
	Smalebone, Edmund & Bentlie, Mary	nhc	n.	Smalebone vmpx. Bentlie ex.
	Easey, John	nhc.	n.	ex.

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[33 <i>ctd.</i>]	Pittham, Judith, <i>con.</i> Dawkes, Helen [<i>sic</i>]	def.	n. (H.D./A.D.)	concluded in absentia and assigned to sentence px.
[33v]	Tatham, Roger	often dr.	n.	ex.
	Dissell, William & Joan, his wife	cland. mar. & inc. bef. mar.	a.	proved mar. by Mr Clarkson; pen. for inc. but schedule non em.
	West, Avis (rel. & exix. W, William)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Weston, Margery (mother & exix. W, William)	fees in test. matter	n.	to be cit.px.
	Tayler, Alice, pauper (rel. T, Matthew)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Rel. Coxce, Thomas, labourer	test.	n.	em.cit.
[34]	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John	often dr. & abs. ch.	n.	ex.
	Higgins, William, labourer	inc.	n.	ex.
	Saunders (als. Blackslie), Elizabeth	inc.	n.	ex.
	White, Richard	inc.	n.	to be cited to receive pen. px.
[34v]	Rogers, Ursula	inc.	n.	ex.
	Crosbie, Margaret	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex. (non. em. ex.)
	Smart, Edward	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	explains was abs. only once: dcm.
	Crosbey, Gideon	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Marmian, Richard Mr & his wife	abs.ch.Sab. (‘continual absence’)	n.	ex.
	Whatlie, John	‘many times’ dr.	a.	dim.
[35]	Bull, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Smith, John, shoemaker (S, John, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Allen, Elizabeth	test.	n.	to be cited px.
	Oc. Crooke, Jane	test.	n.	to be cited px.
	Oc. Bentlie, Robert, Mr, mercier (B, Magdalen, rel.)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Helmdon, Thomas, butcher (H, Dorothy, rel.)	test.	a.	vmpx.
[35v]	Bull, John, sen.	often dr. & sw.	n.	vmpx.
	Johnson, William	often sw.	a.	dcm.
	Heanes, Margaret	often sw.	a.	dcm.
	Harris, Thomas	often sw.	a.	dcm.
[36]	Oc. Dixe, Margaret (Izard, John, son)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Saunders, [<i>blank</i>], widow	‘bringing a bastard of her daughter’s into ch. to trouble the congregation’	n.	vmpx.
	Scot, John	allowing servants to be abs. ch.	n.	vmpx.

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[36 <i>ctd.</i>]	Longe, William	'sw. & cur. bitterly on 14th April last'	a.	dcm.
[36v]	Smalebone, Edmund Mr	dr. 'sometimes within the month of September last'	a.	dcm.
	Crooke, Richard, cooper	often sw.	a.	dcm.
	Singer (als. Norman), Richard	often dr. & sw.	a.	dcm.
	Marmian, Richard Mr & his wife	'continual abs.ch'	n.	ex.
[37]	Jurden, Alice	abs.ch.	n.	vmpx.
	Steward, Richard	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	dcm.
	Nayler, Jonathan	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	dcm.
	Longe, John	abs.ch.Sab. & mocking CWs.	a.	dcm.
	Cooper, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
[37v]	Stevens, Anthony	dr. on Michaelmas Day last	n.	vmpx.
	Walsall, Raynold	often dr. & sw.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Biesbie (or Bieslie), Anne, (Bradford, Elizabeth, adix.)	test. (her husband)	a.	to give in acct. px.
	Smalebone, Edmund Mr (ador. Bentlie, Matthew)	test. (to give in acct.)	n.	ex.
	Borrowes, Sarah (adix. B, Joan)	test.	n.	vmpx.
[38]	Knight, William	inc.	a.	pen. commuted £3, dim.
	Stanlie, Frances	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Hawse, Thomas	dr. & sw. since last presented	n.	ex.
	Oc. Stoakes, Henry (S, Nicholas, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Mayo, John (M, Catherine, rel.)	test.	a.	admin. granted, to exhib inv. px.
[38v]	Oc. Hull, James (Anne, rel.)	test.	a.	admin. granted.
	Oc. Mayo, Anthony (Anne, rel.)	test.	a.	admin. granted.
	Oc. Goodwyn, Nicholas	test.	n.	em. cit.
	Oc. Digwillian Mr	test. 'Mr Wheatley hath the will and the goods.'	n.?	em. cit.
	Oc. Ward, John, baker (W, Mary, rel.)	test.	a.	admin. granted.
[39]	Hawten, Edward	inc. 'See Cropredy book'	n.	em. cit.
	Turton, John, Haynes, John, Blyth, Lawrence, (The three named above named feoffees-in-trust in the will of Nayler, Bartholomew.)	test.	a.	they produce will; Margery, rel. to appear for proving.
	Walker, Alice, <i>con.</i> Wyse, John	test. (will of Kinton, Thomas)	a.	to pay legacy to A.W.

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[39 <i>ctd.</i>]	Walker, Stephen, <i>con.</i> Wyse, John	test. (will of Kinton, Thomas)	a.	to pay legacy to S.W.
[39v]	List of Banbury CWs and SM: 5 CWs named: 3 sworn, 2 refused & ex. 6 SM named: 2 sworn, 4 refused & ex.			
<i>10th November, 1628: statements of Lawrence Blithe and Thomas Deagle re the will of Bartholomew Naylor.</i>				
[40]	<i>'Horley et Hornton - Loco et tempore et coram Iudice predicto':</i>			
	Watton, William	abusing minister	a. denied	to appear px.
	Kench, Frances	abusing minister	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Kench, William (K, Frances, rel.)	test.	a.	admin. granted.
	Oc. Goodwin, Thomas	test.	n.	vmpx.
[40v]	Denny, Martha, of Hornton	'in a cause of bastardy'	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Byrd, James, of Hornton, pauper	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Carter, John of Hornton (C., Alice, rel.)	test.	a.	admin. granted.
	Oc. Wackton, William, of Hornton	test.	a.	admin. granted.
[41]	Oc. Carter, Robert, of Hornton	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Wackton (als. Watton) William & wife, Margaret, of Horley	inc. bef. mar.	?	non.em.pen.
	Wackton, William, of Horley	inc. (with Alice Densy)	a.	pen. after failed purgation.
[41v]	Note of receiving 3 licences of marriage at 10s. each; the parties, from Horley or Hornton are named. <i>10th November, 1628: statement of John Haynes re will of Bartholomew Naylor.</i>			
[42]	Horley and Hornton: 2 CWs. for each place named & sworn. <i>Note that Johnson received 1s. 'for these presentments which he hath for his fee for churchwarden.'</i>			
[42v]	<i>[Blank]</i>			
[43]	<i>ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 23rd March, 1628/9. 9-12 a.m. William Wheatley, Vicar of Banbury, substitute of G.S., H.J.</i>			
ODc.	Ragge, Eleanor	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Fitch, Henry <i>con.</i>	test.	a.	sentence assigned for px.
	Hallhead, Thomas			
	Sprigge, William	presented for a cessment for Drayton ch.	a.	exhib. certificate of paying.

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[43 ctd.]	Pittam, Judith <i>con.</i> Williamson, Isabel	def.	a.	W'son remains excom. & signified. Pittam, 6 May 1629, says the cause has been finally transacted (settled) & consents that W'son should be absd. from ex.; W'son declared absd. (<i>allegat hanc causam fuisse et esse finaliter transactam et consentiit quatenus dicta Williamson absolvatur ab excommunicatione alias contra eam in hac causa lata</i>).
[43v]	Such, Samuel and Anne, his wife Cooper, William Oc. Smith, Michael (S, Helen, rel.) Smalebone, Edmund Bentlie, Mary Bentlie, Mary	cland. mar. & inc. bef. mar. nhc. ? nhc. nhc. inc.	n. n. n. n. n. n.	ex. remains ex. ex. ex. ex.
[44]	Easie, John Pittam, Judith <i>con.</i> Dawkes (als. Such), Anne Tattam, Roger Oc. Weston, William (W, Margery, mother and exix.) Oc. Taylor, Mathew (T, Alice, rel.) Oc. Coxie, Thomas (rel. C. [blank])	nhc. def. often dr. test. test. test.	n. n. (A.D.) n. n. n. n.	ex. proctor asks for sentence. ex. ex. em.cit. em.cit.
[44v]	Bull, Margaret Bull, John Higgins, William Saunders, Elizabeth White, Richard Rogers, Ursula	inc. dr. & abs.ch. inc. inc. inc. inc.	n. n. n. n. n. n.	ex. ex. ex. ex. pcn. ex.
[45]	Smart, Edward Crosbie, Gideon Marmian, Richard & his wife Bull, John Oc. Smith, John (S, John, son)	abs.ch.Sab. abs.ch.Sab. abs.ch.Sab. ? test.	a. n. n. n. a.	dem. ex. non.em.ex. ex. exhib. inv., admin. granted.
[45v]	Oc. Allen, Elizabeth (S, Helen, dau.) Oc. Bentlie, Robert Mr, mercier (B, Magdalen, rel.) Bull, John, sen.	test. test. often dr. & sw.	a. a. n.	explains and this accepted but ordered to make inv. exhib. will proved P.C.C. Note says appears to have <i>bona notabilia</i> . ex.

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[45v <i>ctd.</i>]	Oc. Dixe, Margaret (Izard, John, son) Saunders, [blank], widow	test. bringing dau.'s bastard into ch.	a. n.	exhib. gift in writing; ordered to pay fees. vmpx.
[46]	Scott, John Marmian, Richard Mr and wife. Jurden, Alice, widow Cooper, William, pauper	wkg. Sab. continual abs.ch. abs.ch.Sab. abs.ch.Sab. & mocking CWs.	a. n. a. a.	dcm. submit, non.em.ex. submits, dcm. submits, dcm.
[46v]	Charles (als. Stevens), Anthony Walsall, Raynold Oc. Busbey, Anne (Bradford, Elizabeth, adix.) Smalebone, Edmund (ador. Bentlie, Mathew) Oc. Barrowes, Joan (B, Sarah, adix.) Stanlie, Frances	dr. Mich. Day often dr. & sw. test. test. test. inc.	a. n. a. n. (a rep.) n.	pen. ex. mon. to pass her acct. ex. [but mg. says pd. 20s. in part.] to appear px.
[47]	Hawes, Thomas Oc. Stoakes, Henry (S, Nicholas, son) Oc. Mayo, Anthony (M, Anne, rel. & adix.) Oc. Goddyn, Nicholas (G, Dorothy, rel.) Oc. Degwilion, Mr	dr. & sw. test. test. test. test. test.	n. n. a. a. a.	ex. ex. explains no goods left. exhib. will and inv., will proved. <i>Note:</i> that will proved in P.C.C. through Mr Wheatley, Vicar of Banbury, exor.
[47v]	Oc. Ward, John (W, Mary, rel. & adix.) Turton, John Haynes, John Blyth, Lawrence	test. test. test. test.	a. n. n. n.	to exhib. acct. px. to be cit. to be cit. to be cit.
	Walker, Alice, <i>con.</i> Wyse, John Walker, Stephen, <i>con.</i> Wyse, John	test. (will of Thomas Kinton) test. (will of Thomas Kinton)	a. (Wyse) a.	Nayler, Jonathan to be cit. mon. to pay legacy. mon. to pay legacy.
[48]	Andrew, Francis, (CW.) & Webbe, John (CW.) Weston, Edward; Langham, Edward; Yates, John (SM). Vivers, Richard, farmer of tithes, <i>con.</i> Rose, Susanna Ireland, Roger and Dorothy, his pretended wife	no oath no oath no oath tithes cland.mar.	n. n. n. a.? n. (R.I.) a. (D.I.)	ex. ex. ex. 'pax.' vm. explains before Mr Clarkson, but ex.

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[48]	Webbe, John and	inc. bef. mar.	n.	vmpx.
ctd.]	Anne, his wife		n.	vmpx.
[48v]	Note: Hollyhead, William, licensed to teach: 'to exercise the office of schoolmaster within the peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury and Cropredy provided that he is not to exercise that office within Banbury to the prejudice of William Hart, the now schoolmaster of the free school.'			
	Note: 'I received of Mr Wheatley for 4 licences of marriage 40s.'			
	6th May, 1629, before Mr Sweit, Commissary.			
ODc.	Lovell, Thomas	inc.	a.	pen., commuted to £3, dim.
[49]	Horley and Hornton: 23rd March, 1628/9, at Banbury, 9-12 a.m. 'before the same Judge.'			
ODc.	Watton, William,	abusing minister	a.	submitted, dim.
	of Horley	(Mr Clarkson)		
	Kench, Frances, of Horley	as above	a.	submitted, dim.
	Oc. Kench, William	test.	a.	to exhib. acct.
	(K, Frances, rel. & adix.)			
	Oc. Goodwyn, Thomas,	test.	a.	exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
	of Horley (G, Mary, rel.)		(Mr Wm. Sprigg)	
[49v]	Denny, Martha, of Hornton	'bastardy'	n.	ex.
	Oc. Byrd, James, of Hornton	test.	n.	vm.
	Oc. Carter, John, of Hornton	test.	n.	cm.cit.
	(C, Alice, widow & exix.)			
	Oc. Carter, Robert	test.	a.	explains R.C. had no goods.
	(C, John & wife, Alice)			
[50]	Watton, William & Margaret,	inc. bef.mar.	a.	pen.
	his wife, of Horley.			
	Watton, William	inc. with	a.	pen.
		Alice Denzey		
	Before Mr Wheatley, 'substitute' on the aforesaid day 'in hospitio vocat le signe of the Swan.'			
	Oc. Kench, Anne, of Horley	test.	a.	guardianship of R.G. granted
	(K, William)		(Richard Gilkes, aged 13, nearest relative)	to Mr Clarkson; admin. granted; to exhib. inv. & acct.
	Note: 'I received of Mr Clarson 2 licences of marriage £1'.			
[50v]	Clar(k)son, Mr con.	def.	a.	Palmer, John & Skarlett, Mathew make depositions.
	Watton, William			
[51]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 'in the Visitation' held Wednesday, 29th July, 1629, 3-5 p.m. G.S. H.J.			
ODc.	Ragge, Eleanor	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Fitch, Henry, con.	test.	a.	begs sentence.
	Halhead, Thom.			
	Pittham, Judith con.	def.		'Concordat est inter partes et absoluta est dicta Williamson.' W'son absd.
	Williamson, Isabel			
	Pittham, Judith, con.	def.	a.	A.S. to be cited to receive
	Such (als. Daux), Anne		(J.P.)	sentence px.

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[51 <i>ctd.</i>]	Such, Samuel & Anne, his wife	cland. mar. & inc.bef.mar.	n.	ex. both
[51v]	Cooper, William	nhc.	n.	remains ex.
	Oc. Smith, Michael (S, Helen, (als. Eleanor), rel.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Smalebone, Edmund	nhc.	n.	ex.
	Bentlie, Mary	nhc.	n.	ex.
	Bentlie, Mary	inc.	n.	ex.
	Easie, John	nhc.	n.	ex.
[52]	Tattam, Roger	often dr.	n.	ex.
	Weston Margery (mother & exix. W, William, jun.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John	dr. & abs.ch.	n.	ex.
	Higgins, William, labourer	inc.	n.	ex.
	Saunders (als. Blackslie), Elizabeth	inc.	n.	ex.
[52v]	White, Richard	inc.	?	em.pen.
	Rogers, Ursula	inc.	n.	ex.
	Crosbie, Gideon	abs.ch.	n.	ex.
	Marmion, Richard Mr & his wife	abs.ch.	?	non em.ex. both.
	Bull, John	?		em.ex.
	Oc. Allen, Elizabeth (Smith, Helen (als. Eleanor), dau.)	test.	n.	ex.
[53]	Bull, John	dr.& sw.	?	non em. ex.
	Oc. Dixe, Margaret (Izard, John, son)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Saunders, [blank]	bringing dau.'s bastard child into ch.	n.	ex.
	Charles (als. Stevens), Anthony	dr. Mich. Day	a.	pen. performed.
	Walsall, Raynold	dr.& sw.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Busbie, Anne (Bradford, Elizabeth, adix.)	test.	n.	ex.
[53v]	Barrowes, Sarah, (adix. B, Joan)	test.	n.	ex.
	Stanlie, Frances	inc.	?	non em.ex.
	Hawes, Thomas	dr.& sw.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Stoakes, Henry (S, Nicholas, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Stoakes, Nicholas	cland.mar.	n.e.	n.e.
	Oc. Deigwilian, Mr	test.	?	will proved P.C.C. by Mr Wheatley.
	Ward, Mary (rel. & adix. W, John)	test.	a.	mon.to acct.
	Turton, John,	test. (will	?	em.cit. against Nayler,
	Haynes, John,	of Nayler,	?	Jonathan.
	Blyth, Lawrence	Bartholomew)	?	

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[54]	Walker, Alice (dau. & legatee of Kinton, Thomas), <i>con.</i> Wise, John, (exor.)	test. (will of Thomas Kinton)	n. (Wise)	ex.
	Walker, John (son & legatee of Kinton, Thomas), <i>con.</i> Wise, John (exor.)	test. (will of Thomas Kinton)	n. (Wise)	ex.
	Hall, Avery & his wife	?	n.	ex. both.
	Webb, John & Anne his wife.	inc.bef.mar.	n.	vmpx. both.
[54v]	Oc. Beard, Thomas (B, Arthur)	test.	a.	explains not in this jurisdiction.
	Oc. Hartlett, Henry (H, Elizabeth, rel.)	test.	a. in house of Judge or inn	explains will proved P.C.C.; <i>bona notabilia</i> .
	Oc. Williamson, Thomas (W, Isabel)	test.	a.	no will, exhib. inv., admin. granted.
	Oc. Heele, John, [blank]	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Baker, Calkett, widow [blank]	test.	?	'she hath a husband living at Gloucester.'
	Oc. Walker, Edward, [blank]	test.	n.	vm.
	Oc. Hall, John [blank]	test.	a.	will proved.
[55]	Wise, Anne	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Crosbie, Richard	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Drinkwatter, [blank]	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Smalebone, Edmund	dr.	a.	admitted detection, dcm.
[55v]	Pedley, George	dr.	a.	pen.
	Tayler, Edward, Mr	'oftentimes' 'sw. by the name of God'	n.e.	n.e.
	Whatlie, John	sw. & dr.	n.	em.cit.
	Ell, Thomas, innholder	sw.	a.	admitted detection, dcm.
	Kench, Hiram	dr.	n.	vmpx.
	Sherwood, Benjamin	dr.	n.	vmpx.
[56]	Vadall, Robert	dr.	a.	admitted detection, dcm.
	Walsall, Raynold, butcher	sw.	n.	vmpx.
	Singer (als. Norman), Richard	dr.	a.	pen.
	Middleton, John, butcher	sw.	a.	pen. 'remittuntur ei feoda.'
	Sharpp, Philip	sw.	n.	ex.
	Dreed, John	sw.	n.	penalty postponed to px.
[56v]	Rickett, James	dr.	a.	admitted detection, dcm.
	Kimble, John	dr. 'once'	a.	admitted detection, dcm.
	Jenson, Richard	sw.	a.	admitted detection, pen.
	Buckingham, Titus	dr.	a.	purge. 4.
	Reyley, Richard	sw. 'often'	a.	admitted detection, dcm.
	Guye, Henry	dr. 'often'	n.	vmpx.

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[57]	Graves, William	dr.	a.	admitted detection, dcm.
	Tatham, Roger	dr. 'again'	a.	pen.
	Grundey, Richard	abs.ch.	n.	vmpx.
	Grundey, [blank], wife of R.G.	abs.ch.	n.	vmpx.
	Jarvayce, William	abs.ch.	n.	vmpx.
[57v]	Overbury, John	abs.ch.	a.	purg. 4.
	Hartlett, Passover	abs.ch.	a.	ex.
				says he ought not to be questioned in this ct. concerning the matter; refused to answer, ex.
	Taylor, William	abs.ch.	a.	admitted detection, pen.
	Jurden, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	dcm.
		'though all the week she goeth up and down the town'		
	Bentlie, John, shoemaker [part s.t.]	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	explains he is in debt & fears arrest; dim.
[58]	Blincowe, Fulk	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Stilles, [blank] [William]	wkg.Sab.	?	workers to be cited.
	[Butler], John, servant of Dutton, Thomas	sw.	n.	vmpx.
	Walmesley, John (surety for Barrowes, Sarah, rel. & adix. of B, John)	test.	a.	to attend px.
	Walmesley, Anne, rel.	test.	n.e.	n.e.
[58v]	Banbury: 5 CWs. named; 4 sworn, 1 not & ex. 6 SM. named; 4 sworn, 2 not & ex.			
	Vivers, Mr con.	tithes	a.?	'concordat est inter partes.'
	Hall, John			
	Vivers, Mr con.	tithes	n.e.	n.e.
	Redman, Richard			
	Note: 'I received of Mr Wheatley the fee of 1 licence since the last court 10s.'			
[59]	'Received of Mr Webbe [a CW.] for the copies, 10s.6d.'			
[59v]	Banbury. Visitation, 13th April, 1630. Before Mr Sweit. H.J.			
	3 CWs. named for the town and sworn (2 on 9th April, 1630):			
	2 CWs. named for other parts and sworn.			
	4 SM. named for town, all absent and ex.;			
	2 SM. named for other parts, both absent and ex.			
	Note: at side of above: about hats on in service time; names of offenders to be presented at next Visitation.			
[60]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 13th April, 1630. 1-3 p.m. G.S. H.J.			
ODc.	Ragge, Eleanor	inc.	n.	ex.
	Pitham, Judith, con.	def.	Such to see sentence pronounced.	
	Such (als. Daukes), Anne			
	Such, Samuel & Anne, his wife	cland.mar. & inc.bef.mar.	n.	ex. both
	White, Richard	inc.	?	pen.
	Rogers, Ursula	inc.	n.	ex.

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[60	Crosby, Gideon	abs.ch.Sab	n.	ex.
<i>ctd.</i>]	Marmian, Richard & his wife	abs.ch.	n.	non. em. ex. both.
	Bull, John, sen.	dr.	?	non em. ex.
	Bull, John, jun.	?	n.	ex.
[60v]	Cooper, William	nhc.	n.	remains ex.
	Oc. Smith, Michael (S, Helen, (als. Eleanor), rel.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Allen, Elizabeth (Smith, Helen (als. Eleanor), dau.)	test.	n.	ex. for non-payment of fees.
	Smalebone, Edmund	nhc.	n.	ex.
	Bentley, Mary	nhc.	n.	ex.
	Bentley, Mary	inc.	n.	ex.
	Easy, John	nhc.	n.	ex.
	Tatham, Roger	dr. 'often'	n.	ex.
	Weston, Margery (mother & exix. W, William, jun.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John	dr. & abs.ch.	n.	ex.
	Higgins, William, labourer	inc.	n.	ex.
	Saunders (als. Blacksly), Elizabeth	inc.	n.	ex.
[61]	Oc. Dix, Margaret (Izard, John, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Saunders [blank], widow, pauper	bringing bastard into ch.	n.	ex.
	Charles (als. Stevens), Anthony	dr.	n.	ex. for not cert. pen. & non-payment of fees.
	Walsall, Reginald	sw. & dr.	n.	ex.
	Walsall, Reginald	'presented again for the like'	n.	ex.
	Oc. Burrowes, Joan (B, Sarah, adix.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Stanley, Frances	inc. with Mr William Knight	?	non em. ex.
	Hawes, Thomas	sw. & dr.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Stoakes, Henry (S, Nicholas, son)	test.	a.	will proved P.C.C., absd.
	Stoakes, Nicholas	cland.mar.	a.	exhib. cert. of mar. by licence.
	Turton, John,	test. (will of	a.	em.cit.against Nayler,
	Haynes, John,	Nayler,	a.	Jonathan.
	Blithe, Lawrence	Bartholomew)	a.	
	Walker, Alice, <i>con.</i>	test. (will of	n.	em.cit. Wyse.
	Wyse, John	Kinton, Thomas)	(Wyse)	
	Webbe, John & Anne, his wife	inc.bef.mar.	?	vm. both.

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[61v]	Oc. Beard, Thomas (B, Arthur)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Oc. Heele, John [blank]	test.	n.	ex.
	Wise, Anne	inc.	n.	ex.
	Crosby, Richard	inc.	n.	ex.
	Drinkwater, [blank]	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
	Pedley, George	dr.	n.	ex. not cert. pen.
	Taylor, Edward Mr	sw.	n.e.	n.e.
	Sherwood, Benjamin	dr. 'very often'	n.	ex.
[62]	Singer (als.Norman), Roger	dr.	n.	ex.
	Sharpe, Philip	sw.	n.	ex.
	Dreed, John	sw.	n.	ex.
	Kimble, John	dr.	a.	asked for 'longer time' for cert. pen.; granted until px.
	Jenson, Richard	sw.	a.	asks for more time for cert. pen.; granted until px.
	Buckingham, Titus	dr.	a.	submitted himself, dcm.
	Ryley, Richard	sw.	n.	ex. for not cert.pen.
	Guy, Henry	dr.	n.	ex.
	Graves, William	dr.	n.	ex.
	Tatham, Roger	dr.	n.	ex.
	Grundy, Richard	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Grundy, [blank], wife of R.G.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Jarvace, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Overbury, John	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	submitted himself, dcm.
[62v]	Hartlett, Passover	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Taylor, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Blincowe, Fulk	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Styles, [blank]	wkg. Sab.	n.	to be cited.
	Butler, John, servant of Dutton, Thomas Mr	sw.	n.	ex.
	Walmesley, John (surety for Burrowes Sarah, rel. & adix. B, John)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Walmesley, Anne	?	n.e.	n.e.
	<i>The presentments exhibited 24th November, 1629 follow:</i>			
	Oc. Hawkins, Richard	test.	a.	explained.
	Oc. Eaton, Alice, widow	test.	n.	cit.
	Oc. Rymill, John (R, Joyce, rel. & exix.)	test.	a.	will proved.
	Oc. Man, Edward	test.	a.	will proved P.C.C.
(Millicent rel. & exix.)				
[63]	King, John, slatter	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Abbotts, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Beenam, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Scott, John, innholder	sw.	a.	dcm.

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[63 ctd.]	Haynes, John, mercer	sw.	a.	dcm.
		Mr Eedam 'suscipiens in se.'		
	Long, William	sw.	n.	vmpx.
	Long, John	abs.ch.	a.	dcm.
	Bull, Richard	sw. & dr.	n.	vmpx.
	Bull, John, sen. father of Richard	sw.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	nbc.	n.	ex.
	Wheatley, John	sw.	n.	cm.cit.
	[Whole entry s.t. several times]			
[63v]	Hawse, Thomas	dr.	a.	to appear ante px. to give response.
	The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630, follow:			
	Oc. Pedley, James (P, Frances, mother)	test.	a.	to exhib. inv.
	Oc. Whitston, William, unknown; died at the house of Allen, Thomas, 'infra castrum de B.'	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Nayler, Margery, widow	test.	n.	cit.px. Mr Robert French.
	Oc. Jarvis, John	test.	n.	to be cited.
	Oc. Weston, Thomas	test.	a.	n.e.
			(mother, Margery)	
	Oc. Ells, Thomas (E, Joyce, rel. & exix.)	test.	a.	exhib. will, will proved.
	Cole, Robert	abs.ch.Sab. & wkg.Sab. 'driving cattle to a fair'	n.	ex.
	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Righton, Richard	abs.ch.Sab. & sw.	a.	dcm.
	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	vmpx.
[64]	Oc. Dudley, Anne, widow	test.	a.	will proved.
	Walker, John, & Jane, his wife.	inc.bef.mar.	a.	to respond at px.
	Knibbe, Thomas & his wife	inc.bef.mar.	n.	vmpx.
	Knibbe, Thomas & his wife	inc.bef.mar.	n.	vmpx.
	Buckingham, Titus	sw. ' & ribald speeches'	a.	submitted, dcm.
	Richards, Henry	dr.	a.	submitted, dcm.
	Hollyhead, William Mr, 'clericus'	receiving hc. standing	a.	mon. to receive kneeling, to minister to others kneeling and to testify.
	West, John	sw.	a.	submitted, dcm.
	Lapworth (als. Wilsheire), Elizabeth (legatee W, John), con.	test.	a.	Horne exhib. proxy.
	Robins, John (exor. W, John)			

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[64v]	Kendall, Katherine (rel. K, Timothy)	test.	a.	exhib. free gift.
	<i>Note: 'Received of Mr Wheatley for 3 licences of marriage £1.10s.'</i>			
	Dodson, [blank]	servants wkg. Mich.Day	n.e.	n.e.
	Taylor, William, labourer	servant of Mr Vivers wkg. St Matthew's Day	n.e.	n.e.
	Vicars, Goody	wkg. same day	n.e.	n.e.
[65]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 8th November, 1630. 9-12 a.m. G.S. H.J.			
ODc.	Rugge, Eleanor	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Pitham, Judith, con.	def.	a.?	'concordat.'
	Such, Anne			
	Such, Samuel & Anne, his wife	cland. mar. & inc.bef.mar.	n.	ex.
	White, Richard	inc.	n.	ex.
	Rogers, Ursula	inc.	n.	ex.
	Crosby, Gedion	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[65v]	Marmian, Richard, & his wife	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	non em.ex. CWs certify attendance of Mr Marmian.
	Bull, John, sen.	dr.	n.	ex.
	Cooper, William	nhc.	n.	remains ex.
	Oc. Smith, Michael (S, Helen (als. Eleanor), rel.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Allen, Elizabeth (Smith, Helen (als. Eleanor), dau.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Smalebone, Edmund	nhc.	n.	non em.ex.
	Bentley, Mary	nhc.	n.	non em.ex.
	[There follows here Bentley, M	inc.,	s.t. with note:	'mistaken, for the cause was ordered long since.' This gives a valuable clue to s.t. entries.]
	Easy, John	nhc.	a.	pen., absd.
	Tatham, Roger	dr.	n.	ex.
	Weston, Margery (mother & exix. W, William, jun.)	test.	a.	exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
[66]	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John	dr. & abs.ch.	n.	ex.
	Higgins, William, labourer	inc.	n.	ex.
	Saunders (als. Blacksley), Elizabeth	inc.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Dix, Margery (Izard, John, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Saunders, [blank], widow	bringing bastard into ch.	n.	ex.
	Charles (als. Stevens), Anthony	dr.	n.	ex.
	Walsall, Reginald	sw.& dr.	n.	ex.
	Walsall, Reginald	'presented again for the like'	n.	ex.

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[66v]	Burrowes, Sarah (adix. B, Joan)	test.	n.	ex.
	Stanley, Frances	inc. (with Mr W. Knight)	n.	ex.
	Haines, Thomas	sw.&.dr.	n.	ex.
	Turton, John,	test. (will of	?	em.cit. for Nayler, Jonathan.
	Haynes, John,	Nayler,		
	Blithe, Lawrence	Bartholomew)		
	Walker, Anne	test. (will of	n.	ex.
	(dau. & legatee, Weston,	Weston	(Wyse)	
	Thomas), <i>con.</i> Wyse,	Thomas)		
	John (exor. W, Thomas)			
	Webbe, John & Mary, his wife	inc.bef.mar.	a.	denied; absd. & dim. both.
	Oc. Beard, Thomas (B, Arthur)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Heele, John [<i>blank</i>]	test.	n.	ex.
	Wyse, Anne	inc.	n.	ex.
[67]	Crosby, Richard	inc.	n.	ex.
	Drinkwater, [<i>blank</i>]	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bull, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
	(<i>Note: 'vide a retro'</i>)			
	Pedley, George	dr.	a.	absd. ex., pen.
	Midleton, Thomas	sw.	a.	pen.
	Taylor, Edward Mr	sw.	?	<i>Note: 'Mr Eedam.'</i>
	Sherwood, Bernard	'very often dr.'	n.	ex.
	Singer (als. Norman),	dr.	a.	absd., pen.
	Richard, pauper			
	Sharp, Philip	sw.	n.	ex.
	Dreede, John	sw.	a.	absd., pen.
	Kymble, John	sw.	n.	did not cert. pen., so ex.
[67v]	Jenison, Richard	sw.	n.	did not cert. pen., so ex.
	Ryley, Richard	sw.	n.	ex.
	Guy, Henry	dr.	n.	ex.
	Graves, William	dr.	a.	absd., pen.
	Tatham, Roger	dr.	a.	absd., pen.
	Grundy, Richard, & his wife	dkg. while abs.ch.	a.	absd. & dem. both.
	Jarvis, William	dkg. while abs.ch.	n.	ex
	Hartlett, Passover	dkg. while abs.ch.	a.	absd. in person of his wife, pen.
	Taylor, William	dkg. while abs.ch.	a.	absd., pen.
	Blincowe, Fulk	abs.ch.	a.	absd., pen.
[68]	Styles, William	wkg. Sab.	a.	explains; to certify compliance.
	Butler, John	'grievous' sw.	n.	ex.
	Walmesley, John	test.	?	to be cited.
	(surety for Burrowes, Sarah, rel. & adix. B, John)			
	Walmesley, Anna, rel.	test.	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>

Folio	Defendant or litigant	Charge	Presence	Sentence
[68]	<i>The presentments exhibited 24th November, 1629:</i>			
<i>ctd.</i>	Oc. Eaton, Alice (Kendall, Catherine, dau.)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	King, John, slatter	inc.	n.	ex.
	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
[68v]	Abbotts, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Beenam, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Long, William	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	admitted, pen.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	admitted, pen.
	Bull, Richard	sw. & dr.	a.	absd. & dim.
	Bull, John, sen.	sw.	a.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	dr.	a.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	nhc.	a.	absd., pen.
	Hawse, Thomas	dr.	n.e.	n.e.
	Barnes, Elizabeth	inc.	a.	pen.
[69]	<i>The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:</i>			
	Oc. Pedley, James (P, Frances, mother)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Whitston, William, who died at house of Allen, Thomas, in Banbury Castle	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Nayler, Margery	test.	n.	vmpx. Mr Robert French.
	Oc. Weston, Thomas (W, Margery, mother)	test.	a.	admin. granted to W, George, brother.
	Cole, Robert	abs.ch. & wkg. Sab.	n.	ex.
	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[69v]	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.
	Walker, John, & Jane, his wife	inc. bef. mar.	a.	pen.
	Kimble, Thomas, & his wife	inc. bef. mar.	n.	ex.
	Hollyheade, William Mr, clerk	receiving hc. standing	a.	to certify receiving & administering hc. kneeling before px.
	Lapworth (als. Wilsheire), Elizabeth legatee W, John) con. Robins, John (exor. W, John)	test. (will of Robins, George)	n. (Robins)	Robins to be cit. px.
[70]	Kendall, Catherine (rel. K, Timothy)	test.	n.	ex.
	<i>The Detections exhibited 3rd September, 1630:</i>			
	Oc. Williamson, Elizabeth	test.	a.	admin. committed to Heele, John.
	Oc. Wing, Anne	test.	a.	Margaret, wife of O.N., to be cited px.
			Organ Nichols, son-in-law	
	Oc. Taylor, William (T, Edward Mr, son)	test.	n.	Bentley, Mary, widow in whose house Taylor died, to be cited.

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[70v]	Oc. Leeson, William (L, Alice, rel.)	test.	a.	said W.L. died worth nothing; to exhib. inv. & Mr Thomas Wheatley, 'who hath all the goods which her husband had formerly,' to be cited.
	Robins, Barbara	inc.	a.	public. pen. in sheet commuted for 10s. & pen. before Minister & CWs.
	Russell, John	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Mellet, William	inc.	n.	ex.
	Drinkwater, Marian	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Pynner, Abraham	sw. & blasphemy	n.	ex.
[71]	Dent, Christopher & Mary Styward, pretended wife [Mg. 'Query']	cland. mar.	n. 'cited by Cooke'	vmpx.
	Robins, William, & Elizabeth, pretended wife	cland. mar.	a. (W.R. for both)	explains married in Oxford Diocese, by licence of V-G. of Diocese.
	Robins, George Mr, Alderman.	present at cland. mar.	n.	em.cit.
	Smalebone, Edmund	present at cland. mar.	n.	em.cit.
	Robins, Samuel, son of R, George.	present at cland. mar.	n.	excused by interposing of Robins, George, above mentioned.
[71v]	Hollyhead, Richard	present at cland. mar.	n.	excused as above.
	Hollyhead, [blank], father of Richard	present at cland. mar.	n.	excused as above.
	Taylor (als. Grundy) Catherine (legatee T, Thomas) con.	test. (will of Thomas Tayler)	n.e.	n.e.
	Tayler, William (exor. T, Thomas)			
[72]	Note relating to the reformation of the manners of Elizabeth Barnes. Deposition of midwife, Elizabeth Glover (with mark). Deposition of Margaret Haynes, present at the birth (with mark). Deposition of Dorothy Judd, present etc. (with mark).			
[72v]	Deposition of Joan Cooper, present etc. Deposition of Margaret Styward, present etc. Deposition of Lawrence Styward - saw Elizabeth Barnes and John King 'slipping off the bed.'			
	Note: 'Received of Mr Wheatley for six marriage licences £3.'			
[73], [73v]	[Blank]			
[74]	Marriage licences issued to 6 named couples.			

Folio	Defendant or litigant	Charge	Presence	Sentence
[75]	10th November, 1630, at Banbury, before G.S., Commissary.			
ODc.	Rowsham, Alice, of King's Sutton	inc.	a.	pen.
	Charles, Thomas	inc.	a.	purg. 4.
			acks. fame, denies fact	
	Long, Mathew	inc.	a.	[n.e. as to action by Judge.]
			denies act of forn., but admitted cuddling etc.	
	Francknell, John	inc.	n.	to be cited px.
	[All the above re. Alice Rowsham.]			
[75v]	[Blank]			
[76]	Visitation.			
	CWs. and SM. for 1630:			
	3 CWs. for town named & sworn; 2 CWs. for outside named & sworn.			
	4 SM. for town named & sworn; 2 SM. for outside named & sworn.			
	Includes note that CWs. are to certify the names of those who sit uncovered at service.			
[76v]	CWs. and SM. for 1631:			
	3 CWs. for town named & sworn; 2 CWs. for outside named & sworn.			
	4 SM. for town named & sworn; 2 SM. for outside named & sworn.			
[77]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 16th May, 1631. 1-2 p.m. William Wheatley, M.A., substitute of G.S. H.J.			
ODc.	Ragge, Eleanor	remains ex.	n.	'Exiit.'
	Such, Samuel, and Anne, his wife	cland. mar. & inc.bef.mar.	n.	ex. both.
	White, Richard	inc.	a.	absd. & dim.
	Rogers, Ursula	inc.		'mortua est.'
	Crosby, Gedion	abs.ch.	n.	ex.
	Cooper, William	abs.ch.	a.	pen.
	Oc. Smith, Michael (S, Helen (als. Eleanor), rel.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Allen, Elizabeth (S, Helen (als. Eleanor), dau.)	test.	n.	ex.
[77v]	Smalebone, Edmund Mr	nhc.	?	non em.ex.
	Bentley, Mary	nhc.	?	non em.ex.
	Easy, John	nhc.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley (<i>'ex relacionem Magistri Wheatley'</i>).
	Tatham, Roger	dr.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Bull, Margaret	inc.	'has been committed to H. of Correction for same offence'	absd. & dim.
	Higgins, William, labourer	inc.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Saunders (als. Blaksley), Elizabeth	inc.	n.	ex.

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[77v <i>ctd.</i>]	Oc. Dix, Margaret (Izard, John, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Saunders, [blank] (mother of Blacksley, Elizabeth)	bringing bastard into ch.	a. Eliz. B. admits she had bastard child	pen.
	Charles (als. Stephens), Anthony	dr. Mich. Day, 1629	a.	submits & dim.
[78]	Walsall, Reginald	sw. & dr.	n.	remains ex.
	Walsall, Reginald	'presented again for the like'	n.	ex.
	Burrowes, Sarah (adix. of [blank])	test.	n.	ex.
	Stanley, Frances	inc.	n.	ex.
	Hawes, Thomas	sw. & dr.	n.	ex.
	Turton, John, Haynes, John, Blith, Lawrence	test. (will of Bartholomew Nayler)	n.e. n.e.	n.e.
	Walker, Alice (dau. & legatee, Kenton, Thomas), <i>con.</i>	test. (will of Thomas Kenton)	a.	'concordat.'
	Wyse, John (exor. Kenton, Thomas)			
	Oc. Beard, Thomas (B, Arthur)	test.	?	non em.ex.
	Wyse, Anne	inc.	n.	ex. 'exiit.'
[78v]	Crosby, Richard	inc.	a.	pen. though has already been whipped by the Justices.
	Drinkwater, [blank]	inc.	n.	ex. 'exiit' written here may refer to this case.
	Pedley, George	dr.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Midleton, Thomas	sw.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Sherwood, Benjamin	dr.	n.	ex.
	Singer (als. Norman), Richard	dr.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Sharp, Philip	sw.	n.	ex.
	Dreede, John	sw.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Kimble, John	sw.	a.	pen.
[79]	Jemson, Richard	sw.	a.	pen.
	Ryley, Richard	sw.	n.	ex.
	Guy, Henry	dr.	n.	ex.
	Graves, William	dr.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Tatham, Roger	dr.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Hartlett, Passover	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Taylor, William	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	Blincowe, Fulk	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.

Folio	Defendant or litigant	Charge	Presence	Sentence
[79v]	Styles, William	wkg.Sab.	n.	to cert. pen. px.
	Butler, John	sw.	n.	ex. 'exiit.'
	Walmesley, John	test.	n.	em.cit.
	(surety for Burrowes, Sarah, rel. & adix. B, John)			
	<i>The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:</i>			
	Oc. Eaton, Alice	test.	a.	dim.
	(Kendall, Catherine, dau.)			
	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Abbottes, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[80]	King, John	inc.	n.	ex.
	Barnes, Elizabeth	inc.	a.	pen. performed.
	Beenham, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Long, William	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	pen.cert.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	submitted & dim.
	Bull, Richard	sw. & dkg.	a.	pen.cert.
	Bull, John	sw.	n.	did not cert. pen., ex.
	Bull, John	nhc.	n.	ex.
	Hawse, Thomas	dr.	n.	remains ex.
[80v]	<i>The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:</i>			
	Oc. Pedley, James	test.	n.	ex.
	(P, Frances, rel.)			
	Oc. Whitston, William	test.	n.	vmpx.
	(Allen, Thomas)			
	Oc. Nayler, Margery	test.	n.	ex.
	(French, Robert Mr)			
	Coles, Robert, of	wkg. Sab., driving	a.	pen.
	Huscote	cattle to Woodstock fair		
	Jarvis, William,	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	('vide a retro')			
	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.
	Walker, John & Jane,	inc.bef.mar.	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Wheatley.
	his wife			
	[Note: 'Query' - for the clerk or other to question the rightness of entering the charge.]			
[81]	<i>The Detections exhibited 3rd September, 1630:</i>			
	Ocs, Wing, Anne	test.	n.	ex. both.
	(Nicholls, Organ & Margaret, his wife)			
	Oc. Taylor, William Mr	test.	a.	explains.
	(T, Edward Mr, son)		(King, Edward servant of E.T.)	
	Oc. Taylor, William	test.	a.	denied she had any of W.T.'s goods; dim.
	(Bentley, Magdalen (als. Mary), in whose house W.T. died)			
	Oc. Leeson, William	test.	n.	ex.
	(L, Alice, rel.)	(to exhib. inv.)		

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[81 <i>ctd.</i>]	Oc. Leeson, William (Wheatley, Thomas Mr)	test. (has distrained for rent on W.L. since his death)	n.	em.cit.
[81v]	Russell, John	inc.	n.	ex.
	Millett, William	inc.	n.	ex.
	Drinkwater, Marian, widow	inc.	n.	ex.
	Pyner, Abraham	sw. & blasphemy	a.	submitted, dim.
	Smalebone, Edmund	present at cland. mar. of W. Robins & his (E.S.'s) dau., Eliz. He procured the mar. in Oxford & said he would have them mar. there in spite of Mr Sweit, the Commissary of this jurisdiction	a.	dim.
	Tayler (als. Grundy), Catherine, <i>con.</i> Taylor, William, <i>exor.</i>	test. (will of Thomas Tayler)	a. per. Horne, substitute of French	agreement between parties.
[82]	Dodson, Daniel	wkg. Mich. Day	a.	pen.; to appear px. to receive pen.
	Rowsham, Alice, of King's Sutton	inc.	n.	mon. to appear for pen.
	Charles, Thomas	inc.	a.	purgd 5, dim.
	Francknell, John	inc.	?	em.cit.
	Long, Mathew	inc.	a.	purg.4.
[82v]	Hollyhead, William Mr, clerk	rec.hc. standing	a.	to cert. receiving & administering to others kneeling.
	Weston, George (bro. & ador. W, Thomas)	test.	a.	mon. to acct. & to appear next day; does not, so ex.
	Mayoe, Catherine (rel. & adix. M, John)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Dr Branker <i>con.</i> Sherman & Chambre - petitions to proceed to taxation of expenses	test.	a.	Sherman & Chambre to be cited.
[83]	Oc. Gardiner, Thomas (G, John & Sparkes, Launcelot)	test.	n. (L.S.)	Sparkes ex.
	Oc. Williamson, Edward (W, Thomas)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., dim.
	Oc. Sharpe, Henry (Anne, rel.)	test. (H.S. intestate)	a.	admin. granted to A.S.
	Oc. Bonner, Richard, of Hardwick (Mary, rel. & exix.)	test.	a.	will proved.

Folio	Defendant or litigant	Charge	Presence	Sentence
[83 <i>ctd.</i>]	Oc. Nichols, John (N, Gamaliel, son & exor.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Hollyhead, Sarah (rel. Mr H.)	test.	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>
	Weston, Edward	inc.	a.	pen.
[83v]	[<i>blank</i>], Elizabeth, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Claridge, George	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Long, Anne	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Newland, Giles, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Mills, Margaret	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Wheatley, Elizabeth wife of W, John, <i>con.</i>	def.	a.	Russell denies; Horne to produce witnesses.
	Russell, Edward		(Horne for E.W. & E.R.)	
[84]	Ingram, Richard Mr, M.A., clerk, Rector of Shenington, <i>con.</i> Crosse, John, of Banbury.	tithes	a. (Crosse before W.W. in par.ch. 18th May, 1631)	mon. to appear to respond to libel.
	Smith, Anne, <i>con.</i> Hull, John	def.	a. Hull cit. to appear 18th May, 1631	begs cause to be dismissed; Smith mon. to pay expenses before Feast of Holy Trinity.
[84v]	[<i>Blank</i>]			
[85]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 4th August, 1631. 1-3 p.m. G.S. H.J.			
ODc.	Oc. Beard, Thomas (B, Arthur)	test.	n.	ex.
	Crosby, Richard	inc.	a.	pen.
	Sharp, Philip	sw.	n.	ex.
	Kymble, John	sw.	a.	to cert. revoc. of penance.
	Jemson, Richard	sw.	a.	to cert. revoc. of pen.
	Styles, William	wkg.Sab.	a.	to cert. revoc. of pen.
	Walmesley, John (surety for Burrowes, Sarah, rel. & adix. B, John)	test.	n.	penalty postponed px.

The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:

	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex. 'he is twice ex. upon former presentments.'
	Abbotte, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[85v]	Becnam, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Bull, Richard, sen.	sw. & nhc.	n.	ex.

The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:

	Oc. Whitston, William	test.	n.	ex.
	(Allen, Thomas - W.W. died in T.A.'s house in the castle)			

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[85v <i>ctd.</i>]	Oc. Nayler, Margery (French, Robert Mr, son)	test.	n.	non em.ex.
	Coles, Robert, of Huscote	abs.ch. & wkg.Sab.	a.	to cert. pen.
	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.
[86]	<i>The Detections exhibited 3rd September, 1630:</i>			
	Oc. Wing, Anne (Nichols, Organ & wife)	test.	a.	admin. granted to O.N. 4th August, 1630.
	Oc. Leeson, William (L, Alice, rel)	test.	a.	committed to appear before Mr W.W.
	Russell, John	inc.	n.	ex.
	Millett, William	inc.	n.	ex.
	Drinkwater, Marian	inc.	n.	ex.
	<i>Note: 'And she is before excommunicated in a cause of incontinence with Richard Crosby.'</i>			
	<i>[There are other cases of standing excommunicated on more than one charge.]</i>			
	Dodson, Daniel	setting servant to wkg. Mich.Day	a.	refused to give name of servant who worked for him & so ex.
[86v]	Rowsham, Alice,	inc.	n.	ex.
	Long, Mathew	inc.	a.	purged.
	Oc. Weston, Thomas (W, George, bro.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Gardiner, Thomas (G, John)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Nichols, John (N, Gamaliel)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Hollyhead, William (H, Sarah, rel.)	test.	n.	em.cit.
[87]	Weston, Edward	inc.	a.	but does not cert. pen. so ex.
	[blank], Elizabeth, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n.	ex.
	Claridge, George	inc.	'This cause is warned to Cropredy court.'	
	Long, Anne	inc.	'This cause is warned to Cropredy court.'	
	Newland, Giles, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n.	ex.
	Mills, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
[87v]	Wheatley, Elizabeth, <i>con.</i> Russell, Edward.	def.	a.	'pax.'
	[Ingram, Richard Mr, M.A., clerk, Rector of Shenington <i>con.</i> Crosse, John, of Banbury	tithes	a. s.t.]	'pax.'
	Sherwood, Samuel (son & exor. S, Henry)	test.	a.	will proved.
	Smith, Anne, wife of S, Mathew, <i>con.</i> Hull, John	def.	n.	ex.
			(Anne to pay expenses)	

Folio	Defendant or litigant	Charge	Presence	Sentence
[88]	Charles, Thomas & [blank], his wife.	marriage fees	n.e.	[but note saying T.C. married at Charlton in parish of King's Sutton & owes fees of minister, fee of banns & of parish clerk.]
	Philips, George Mr	tearing leaves out of ch. cessment book	a. denied	to appear again when proofs are put forward.
	Richards, John (bro. & exor. R, Christian)	test.	a.	will proved.
	French, Susan, wife of F, Richard.	?	n.	ex.
	Taylor, Elizabeth (rel. & exix. T, William)	test.	a.	will proved.
	Taylor, Agnes (mother of T, Lawrence)	test.	a.	dim.
	Oc. Weston, Robert (W, Edward, bro.)	test.	a.	admin. granted 7th Aug., 1631, but to acct.
[88v]	Oc. White, Nicodemus (W, Juliane, rel.)	test.	a.	admin. granted, but to exhib. inv. & acct.
	Russell, Edward, con. Wheatley, John	def.	a.	'concordat.'
	Note: 'Search for the will of Anne Lord. widow, deceased about 14 years since, and send the same to Mr Wheatley.'			
[89]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 24th October, 1631 1-3 p.m. G.S. H.J.			
ODc.	Oc. Beard, Thomas (B, Arthur)	test.	n.	ex.
	Crosby, Richard	inc.	n.	ex.
	Sharp, Philip	sw.	n.	ex.
	Kymble, John	sw. (to cert. pen.)	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Drop.
	Jemson, Richard	sw. (to cert. pen.)	a.	pen.cert. by Mr Drop.
	Styles, William	wkg.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Walmesley, John (surety for Burrowes, Sarah)	test.	?	penalty postponed px.
	<i>The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:</i>			
	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex. 'he is twice ex. upon former presentments.'
	Abbotts, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Beenam, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	King, John, slatter	inc.	n.	ex.
	Bull, Richard, sen.	sw. & nhc.	n.	ex.
[89v]	<i>The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:</i>			
	Oc. Whitston, William (Allen, Thomas)	test.	a.	explains, dim.
	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.

Folio	Defendant or litigant	Charge	Presence	Sentence
[89v ctd.]	<i>The Detections exhibited 3rd December, 1630:</i>			
	Russell, John	inc.	n.	ex.
	Millett, William	inc.	n.	ex.
	Drinkwater, Marian	inc.	n.	ex. 'she is before ex. in a cause of inc. with Richard Crosby.'
	Dodson, Daniel	setting his servant to work on Mich. Day	a.	says the thatcher was Richard Raynbowe; absd. & dim. 23rd April, 1632.
	Rowsham, Alice, of King's Sutton	inc.	?	non em.ex.
	Weston, George (bro. & ador. W, Thomas)	test.	?	for not accounting, ex.
	Oc. Gardiner, Thomas (G, John).	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Nichols, John (N, Gamaliel, son)	test.	a.	exhib. will proved P.C.C.
	Oc. Hollyhead, William, clerk (H, Sarah rel.)	test.	a.	acct. exhib.
	<i>Note: 'Remember the fees unpaid by Mr Hollyhead.'</i>			
[90]	Weston, Edward	inc.	n.	ex.
	[blank], Elizabeth, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n.	ex.
	Claridge, George	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Long, Anne	inc.	n.	ex.
	Newland, Giles, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n.	ex.
	Mills, Margaret	inc.	n.	ex.
	Smith, Anne, wife of S, Mathew, con. Hull, John	def.	n.	ex. A.S.
	Charles, Thomas	to pay mar. charges at King's Sutton	(A.S.) n.	vmpx. T.C.'s wife cited. T.C. sought.
	Oc. French, Richard (F, Susan, rel.)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted.
	Oc. Weston, Robert (W, Edward, bro. & ador.)	test.	n.	ex.
[90v]	CWs. and SM. called for Visitation:			
	3 CWs. named for the town: 2 appeared, refused oath & suspended; 1 did not appear, not to be dismissed before this day month.			
	2 CWs. named for outside parts: 1 appeared & sworn, 1 did not appear & suspended.			
	4 SM. named for town: 1 appeared, refused, suspended, 2 appeared & sworn, 1 did not appear, suspended.			
	2 SM. named for outside parts: 1 appeared & sworn, 1 did not appear, suspended.			
ODc.	Currey, Daniel Mr, curate of Banbury	'He executes the office of the Assistant in Banbury, refusing his election and approbation thereto by the Ordinary of the place'	a.	exhib. letters of admission obtained from Lewis, Bp. of Bangor, and of ordination as priest by the same Bp. 1st November, 1629.
	<i>Note: 'remember the copy of Lord's will sent to Mr Wheatley who is to pay for it.' [see 88v.]</i>			

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[91]	Oc. Reasing, William (R, Susan, widow)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted.
	Oc. White, Nichodemus, (W, Juliane, widow)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted, exhib. acct.
	Oc. Crooke, Richard (C, Mary, widow)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted.
	Oc. Guy, Jane, widow (Lamprey, Robert)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Williams, Thomas (W, Anne, widow)	test.	a.	to prove will in P.C.C. before 1st December.
	Oc. Perrin, Thomas (P, Rebecca, widow)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted.
	Oc. Knight, William Mr (K, Besalcel, son)	test.	a.	to prove will in P.C.C. before 1st December.
	Oc. White, Thomas (W, Eleanor, rel.)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted.
	Sparks, John, of Hardwick	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	explains he usually attends par. ch. once every 3 weeks & on the other Sundays he goes to Hanwell ch.
[91v]	Vivers, Richard Mr	not mending the chancel windows	n.	ex.
	Styles, William, miller	wkg.Sab.	a.	admitted fault, but no further entry.
	Hall, Richard (ador. H, Elizabeth, widow)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Pedley, John	violent attack on Susan French, widow, in B. chyd.	n.	cit. px.
	Wing, Fulk (died intestate)	test.	22nd Feb., 1631 Commission emanated to W.W., Vicar of B., to render oath to Mr Richard Vivers, one of the creditors of the deceased, to administer goods faithfully.	
[92]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 21st April, 1632. 12 - 3 p.m. G.S. H.J. CWs and SM. for 1632: 5 CWs. named & sworn. 6 SM. named & sworn.			
[92v]	Oc. Beard, Thomas (B, Arthur)	test.	n.	ex.
	Crosby, Richard	inc.	n.	ex.
	Sharp, Philip	sw.	n.	ex.
	Styles, William	wkg.Sab.	n.	ex. for not cert. performance of penance.
	Walmesley, John, surety for Burrowes, Sarah (rel. & adix. B, John)	test.	n.e.	n.e.

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[92v]	<i>The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:</i>			
ctd.]	Jarvis, William	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex. 'he is twice ex. upon former presentments.'
	Abbotts, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Beenam, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[93]	King, John	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Bull, Richard, sen.	sw. & nhc.	n.	remains ex.
	<i>The Detections exhibited 2nd April, 1630:</i>			
	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.
	<i>The Detections exhibited 3rd December, 1630:</i>			
	Russell, John	inc.	n.	ex.
	Millett, William	inc.	n.	ex.
	Drinkwater, Marian	inc.	n.	ex.
	Rowsham, Alice, of King's Sutton	inc.	n.	ex.
[93v]	Weston, George	test.	n.	ex.
	(bro. & ador. W, Thomas)	(acct.)		
	Oc. Gardiner, Thomas (G, John)	test.	n.	ex.
	Weston, Edward	inc.	a.	confesses [no further entry].
	Weston, Frances	?	n.	suspended [no further entry].
	[blank], Elizabeth, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n.	ex.
	Claridge, George	inc.	n.	ex. 'Ordered in Cropredy court.'
	Long, Anne	inc.	n.	ex.
	[Mills], Margaret, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n.	ex.
	Charles, Thomas	mar. fees	n.	ex. 'Ordered in Cropredy court.'
[94]	Oc. French, Richard	test.	a.	mon. to comply.
	(Susanna, rel. & adix.)	(acct.)		
	Weston, Edward	test.	n.	ex.
	(bro. & ador. W, Robert)	(acct.)		
	Reason, Susan	test.	a.	mon. to exhib. acct. before recess.
	(rel. & adix. R, William)	(acct.)		
	Crooke, Mary (widow, rel. & adix. C, Richard)	test. (acct.)	a.	mon. to exhib. acct. before recess.
	Oc. Guy, Jane, widow (Lamprey, Robert)	test.	a.	exhib. inv.; will included '5s. for a stone for her grave.'
	Oc. Williams, Thomas	test.	n.	ex.
	(W, Anne, widow & rel.)	(to exhib. will proved in P.C.C.)		
[94v]	Perryn, Rebecca (widow, rel. & adix. Perrin, Thomas)	test. (acct.)	a.	mon. to exhib. acct. before recess.

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[94v <i>ctd.</i>]	Vivers, Richard Mr	chancel	n.	non em.ex.
		windows		
	Vivers, Richard Mr (ador. Wing, Fulk)	test. (acct.)	n.	em.cit.
	Styles, William, miller	wkg. Sab. (to cert. revoc. pen.)	n.	ex.
	Hall, Richard (exor. H, Elizabeth, widow)	test.	n.	ex.
[95]	Dumbleton, Thomas	inc.bef.mar.	n.	did not perform pen., ex.
	Dumbleton, Mary	inc.bef.mar.	n.	pen.cert., but ex. for non-appearance.
	Dodson, Anne (mother & exix. D, Daniel)	test.	a.	exhib. will proved P.C.C.
	Huntley, Joan (widow, rel. & exix. H, William)	test.	a.	exhib. inv.
	Austin (als. Smith), Susan, of Pillerton, (exix. A, Elizabeth, widow)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Dodson, Daniel - will proved in P.C.C.			
	White, Barbara - will proved.			

Note: 'Paid through Mr Wheatley for one licence. Paid for certificate of excommunication of George Weston.'

Humphreys, Mary, spinster, intestate - 8th November, 1633, admin. of her goods committed to her brother, H, James, of Chacombe, Northants.; this granted before Mr John French, M.A., substitute, at the house of William Johnson, victualler in Banbury, as Chacombe is outside the peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury.

[95v] [Blank]

[96] *ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 6th November, 1632. William Wheatley, substitute of G.S. H.J.*
5 CWs. and 6 SM. named, but no record of their having been sworn.

<i>ODc.</i>	Oc. Beard, Thomas (B, Arthur)	test.	n.? 'exiit in hibernam'	cert. of ex. returned.
	Crosby, Richard	inc.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
[96v]	Sharp, Philip	sw.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
	Styles, William	wkg.Sab.	a.	pen. performed.
	Walmesley, John, surety for Burrowes, Sarah (rel. & oc. B, John)	test.	a. before Mr Lovell, substitute	absd.

The Detections exhibited 24th November, 1629:

	Abbotts, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
	Beenam, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	King, John	inc.	n.	remains ex.
[97]	Bull, Richard, sen.	sw. & nhc.	n.	remains ex.
	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.

Folio	Defendant or litigant	Charge	Presence	Sentence
[97 <i>ctd.</i>]	<i>The Detections exhibited 3rd December, 1630:</i>			
	Russell, John	inc.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
	Millett, William	inc.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
	Drinkwater, Mary	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Rowsham, Alice, of King's Sutton.	inc.	n.	ex.
[97v]	Weston, George (bro. & ador. W, Thomas)	test.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
	Oc. Gardiner, Thomas (G, John)	test.	n. 'exiit in hibernam'	cert. of ex. returned.
	[Cases against George Claridge & Anne Long <i>s.t.</i>]			'Ordered in Cropredy book, their dwelling being at Little Bourton.'
	[Mills], Margaret, servant of Mrs Hawten	inc.	n. 'exiit'	cert. of ex. returned.
[98]	Reason, Susan, (rel. & adix. R, William)	test. (acct.)	n.	ex.
	Oc. Williams, Thomas (W, Anne, widow & rel.)	test.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
	Perrin, Rebecca (widow & adix. P, Thomas)	test.	a.	absd.
	Vivers, Richard Mr (ador. Wing, Fulk)	test. (acct.)	?	em.cit.
	Vivers, Richard Mr	not mending chancel windows	?	em.cit.
	Hall, Richard (exor. H, Elizabeth)	test.	a.	absd.
[98v]	Ocs. Jones, Alice	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Wells, Rebecca (Tong, George)	test.	n.	ex.
	Weston, Frances (rel. W, John)	test.	n.	ex.
	Ocs. Higgins, William (Styles, William & Phillips, George)	test. (acct.)	a. (G.P.)	exhib. inv.
	Austin, Susan (exix. A, [Elizabeth], widow	test.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
	Oc. Weston, Margery (W, George, bro.)	test.	n.	cert. of ex. returned.
[99]	Sheppard, Edward, servant of Mr Bosse	wkg. St. Mathew's Day, harrowing	a.	explains [<i>no outcome mentioned</i>].
	Ingram, Richard Mr <i>con. [blank], Crosse</i>	tithes	a.	pax
	[Pedley, John	wkg. St. Matthew's Day & affray in ch.	n.	ex. <i>s.t.</i>]

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[99v]	Oc. Hadley, Richard (H, Elizabeth, rel.)	test.	a.	exhib. will proved P.C.C.
	<i>Note: 'Query whether this was not dispatched at the last court.'</i>			
	Bishop, Anthony	inc.	n.	ex.
	Feild, Isabel	inc.	n.	ex.
	Davyes, Robert	inc.	n.	ex.
	Dawson, Joan	inc.	n.	ex.
[100]	Burrowes, William	abs.ch. 'constantly'	n.	'he is a prisoner of High Commission Court being an Anabaptist.'
	Sargeant, Basil, of Warkworth, & Dorothy, his wife.	inc.bef.mar.	a.	pen.
	Plumpton, Richard	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	explains. 8th Nov. 1632 bef. W.W., sub.
	Huckell, Mary	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	explains. 7th Nov. 1632, bef. W.W., sub.
[100v]	Knight, William Mr	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Crosby, Margaret	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	explains; dim.; pauper.
	Jordan, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	explains [<i>no outcome recorded</i>].
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Wilkins, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
	Bull, John, sen.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	vmpx.
[101]	Oc. Neale, Elizabeth, widow, (N, Robert)	test.	a. before W.W., sub.	[<i>No result recorded.</i>]
	Oc. Daunt, Elizabeth, widow [<i>blank</i>]	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Wyse, Elizabeth, widow [<i>blank</i>]	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Harrys, Elizabeth, widow (H, Richard, son & exor.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Tongue, Humphrey (T, George, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Cooke (als. Smith), Mathew [<i>blank</i>]	test.	n.	ex.
[101v]	<i>Note: [discovered by Apparitor?] 'Alice Jarvis of Banbury, now the wife of Richard Peedle of the same, tailor, married to him 7 years since had children before by [blank] Jarvis who lived a while with her as her husband and was alive at Midsummer last.'</i>			
	Weston, George (exor. W, Margery) con. Fletcher, James.	test.	n?	em.cit.

Folio	Defendant or litigant	Charge	Presence	Sentence
[102]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 20th May, 1633. 9 - 12 a.m. Mr Francis Little, M.A., substitute of G.S. H.J. CWs. and SM. for 1632 and 1633: 5 CWs. named for 1632; 5 named for 1633 - 4 sworn, 1 did not appear & ex. 6 SM. named for 1632; 6 named for 1633 - 5 sworn, 1 sought.			
	Crosby, Richard	inc.	a.	absd. 21st May, pen. 26th May & to certify.
[102v]	Walmesley, John surety for Burrowes, Sarah (rel. & adix. B, John)	test.	a.	exhib. acct.
	Beenam, Zachariah	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	King, John	inc.		remains ex.; significavit applied for.
	Rowsham, Alice, of King's Sutton	inc.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Weston, Thomas (W, George, bro.)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Oc. Weston, Margery (W, George, bro.)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
[103]	Vivers, Richard Mr (ador. Wing, Fulk)	test. (acct.)	?	em.cit.
	Vivers, Richard Mr	not mending chancel windows	?	em.cit.
	Shepard, Edward, servant of Mr Bosse	wkg. St. Matthew's Day	a.	pen. (performed).
	Bishop, Anthony	inc.	n.	ex.
	Feild, Isabel	inc.	n.	ex.
	Davyes, Robert	inc.	n.	ex.
	Dawson, Joan	inc.	n.	ex.
	Knight, William Mr	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[103v]	Jordan, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Wilkins, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Daunt, Elizabeth (D, Anthony & Mary, his wife).	test.	a. (M.D.)	said E.D. 'died nothing worth.'
	Oc. Wyse, Elizabeth (Smalebone, Joan)	test.	a.	explains [<i>but no outcome</i>].
	Oc. Harrys, Elizabeth (H, Richard, son)	test.	a. (Richard Hallows)	testified that Oc. had sold item of E.H.'s goods which had now 'gone out of this jurisdiction.'
	Oc. Tongue, Humphrey (T, George, son)	test.	n.	ex., 'exiit in hibernia.'
[104]	Oc. Cooke, (als. Smith), Mathew (?)	test.	a.	dim., pauper.
	Jarvis, Alice (now wife of Peedle, Richard)	inc.	?	em.cit.

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[104 ctd.]	Oc. Knib, John (K, Joan, exix.)	test.	a.	exhib. will & inv., will proved.
	Oc. Collins, Richard (?)	test.	?	em.cit.
	Oc. Morby, Robert (Denny, John)	test.	a.	J.D. explained R.M. 'lived by the alms of the parish and begged for his living.'
	Oc. Strong, Alice (S, Zachariah, son)	test.	a.	exhib. inv. & acct., dim.
[104v]	Oc. Basse, Eustace ([blank], Margery)	test.	a.	(Blith, Lawrence) dim., pauper.
	Oc. Collins, William (?)	test.	?	em.cit., pauper.
	Oc. Downes, Elizabeth (?)	test.	?	em.cit., pauper.
	Oc. Kinch, Robert (K, Joan, rel.)	test.	a.	dim. as pauper.
	Oc. White, Barbara (W, Joseph)	test.	a.	will proved.
	Oc. Austen, Margaret, 'a dishman's wife' (?)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Staunton, Margery, widow (?)	test.	a.	dim.
	Styles, William, miller	wkg.Sab.	n.	ex.
	[105] Collins, Anne	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Huckell, Mary	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[105v]	Edens, Mary	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	dim. with mon.
	Oc. Haywood, Alice (H, Joyce, sister)	test.	a.	dim.
	Weston, George (exor. W, Margery) con. Fletcher, James.	test.	a.	citation cert. of (G.W.) Weston, James.
	Dumbleton, Thomas	inc.bef.mar.	a.	pen.
[106]	Dumbleton, Mary	inc.bef.mar.	n.	vmpx.
	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 21st October, 1633. Before Mr W.W., substitute. CWs. & SM: 5 CWs. named, 1 ex. 6 SM. named, 1 sought. [No record of their having been sworn.]			
[106v]	ODc. Crosby, Richard	inc.	a.	pen.
	Beenam, Zachariah,	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	'punished by the officers of Banbury.'
	King, John	inc.	a.	pen. performed, absd.
			before	absd. & letters to be sent for his release re significavit.
	Rowsham, Alice, of King's Sutton	inc.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Weston, Thomas (W, George, bro. & ador.)	test.	n.	ex.

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[106v ctd.]	Oc. Weston, Margery (W, George, ador.)	test.	n.e.	[n.e., but perhaps as in cases immediately preceeding.]
	Vivers, Richard Mr (ador. Wing, Fulk)	test. (acct.)	?	em.cit., 'omittatur.'
	Vivers, Richard, Mr	not mending chancel windows	?	em.cit., 'omittatur.'
[107]	Bishop, Anthony	inc.	n.	ex.
	Feild, Isabel	inc.	n.	ex.
	Davyes, Robert	inc.	n.	ex.
	Dawson, Joan	inc.	n.	ex.
	Knigh, William Mr	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	non em.ex.
		'most commonly upon Sunday mornings'		
	Jourden, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	non em.ex.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Wilkins, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Blithe, Lawrence	test. (admin. of goods of Harris, Elizabeth, without authority)	?	[No outcome recorded.]
[107v]	Jarvis, Alice, pretended wife of Richard Peedle, tailor (7 years ago)	inc.	a.	explains [no outcome recorded].
	Oc. Collins, Richard (Pym, [blank])	test.	a. (William Poulton ador.)	exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
	Oc. Austin, Margaret (?)	test.	n.	dau. to be cited.
	Styles, William, miller	wkg.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Collins, Anne	inc.	n.	'exiit.'
	Huckell, Mary	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Weston, George (bro. & exor. W, Margery) con. Fletcher, James.	test.	n.	res. pen. px.
[108]	Oc. Wells, Rebecca (Tong, George)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Weston, John (W, George)	test.	a.	the rel., Frances, vmpx.
	Oc. Higgins, William (?)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Oc. Lumley, John (?)	test.	n.	his rel.ex.
	Oc. Walford, Elizabeth, widow (?)	test.	a.	to exhib. inv.
	Oc. Wilkins, Mary (Newman, John & N, Thomas, sons, sought)	test.	a. (T.N. & Thomas Hill)	[No outcome recorded.]

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[108 ctd.]	Oc. Johnson, Michael (J, William, son)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Austin, Margaret Mistress, widow ([blank], Susan, exix.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Tayler, [blank], widow (T, Mary, dau. & exix.)	test.	a.	[No outcome recorded.]
[108v]	Oc. Weston, Margery (W, George, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Feild, Isabel	inc.	a.	n.e.
	Bishop, Anthony	inc.	n.	ex.
	Davyes, Robert	inc.	n.	ex.
	Dawson, Joan	inc.	a.	ex.
			(her son)	
	Barrowes, William	?[abs.ch.]	n.	ex.
	Pratchett, William	wkg. on	a.	appeared, admitted,
		St. Matthew's Day, slating		25th April, 1632, dcm.
[109]	Pratchett, William	wkg. Mon.	n.e.	n.e.
		& Tues. in Easter week		
	Sheppard, Edward, servant of Mr Bosse	wkg.	n.	vmpx.
	Ingram, Richard Mr con. Crosse	St. Matthew's Day, harrowing tithes	a.	petitions ex. of Crosse.
			(Horne)	
	Crosby, Gideon	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	absd.
[109v]	[Blank]			
[110]	Pedley, John	violent assault in chyd.	n.	vmpx.
	Stukeley, John	'set on' Pedley	a.	denied, dim.
	Oc. Hyorn, Thomas (H, John, father)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., admin. granted, acct. to be made by William Warner.
	Hill, Epiphany, con. Scott, John.	tithes	a.	'concordat.'
[110v]	Ocs. Green, Lettice (?)	test.		'twice entered: let her dau. Alice be cited.'
	Oc. Hall, Isabel (Knight, Besaliel)	test.	a.	Mr Besaliel Knight exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
	Oc. Jones, Alice (?)	test.		'her father dwells at Finnere whither he carried all her goods.'
	Oc. Strong, Nathaniel (S, Rebecca, rel.)	test.	a.	exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
			(Obediah Lord for R.S.)	
	Oc. Hadley, Richard (his rel.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Kymble, John (K, Elizabeth, rel.)	test.	a.	exhib. inv., will proved.
	Oc. Gibbs, Nicholas ([blank], Magdalena)	test.	a.	'he died not worth any thing.'

<i>Folio</i>	<i>Defendant or litigant</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Presence</i>	<i>Sentence</i>
[111]	VISITATION. P.C., Banbury, 9th April, 1634. 12-3 p.m. G.S. H.J. CWs. and SM: 5 CWs. named & sworn; 6 SM. named - 5 sworn, 1 postponed.			
ODc.	Robins, Thomas	inc. 'with a strange woman'	n.	ex.
	Russell, John	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Russell, John (lately one of the CWs. of Gt. Bourton in the peculiar jurisdiction of Cropredy)	'not making any acct. of his office'	n.	remains ex.
[111v]	Vivers, Richard Mr (ador. Wing, Fulk)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Knight, William Mr	abs.ch.Sab.	a.	absd., 7th April, 1634.
	Jourden, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Wilkins, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	White, Joseph (exor. W, Barbara)	test.		'dispatched the last court.'
	Oc. Austin, Margaret (?, dau.)	test.	n.	vmpx.
[112]	Styles, William, miller	wkg.Sab.	a.	absd., 5th April, 1634.
	Huckell, Mary	abs.ch.	a.	absd., dcm.
	Dumbleton, Thomas	inc.bef.mar.	n.	ex. for not doing pen.
	Dumbleton, Mary	inc.bef.mar.	n.	ex.
	Eedens, Mary	abs.ch.		'ordered at last court.'
	Sparkes, Lancelot	not paying ch.rate	n.	vmpx.
	Sparkes, John	not paying ch.rate	n.	vmpx.
	<i>Note:</i> French, Peter, will proved per Anne, rel. & exix.			
[112v]	Oc. Fox, Roger (?)	test.		'dispatched the last court.'
	Oc. Tustian, Thomas (T, Martin, son & rel.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Traunter, John (Sherwood, Daniel)	test.	a.	exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
	Pen, Thomas	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Blinchow, Edward	carting in chyd.	a.	pen.
	Prue, Robert	carting timber into chyd. & there squaring & framing it for building	a.	explains he is sexton & a carpenter; to clear out & pay fees.
[113]	Harvey, Michael, saddler	cland. mar.	?	<i>Note:</i> married at Biddlesdon & CWs. do not know whether he is married or not.
	Buckingham, Titus	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.

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[113v]	<i>Banbury, 7th October, 1634.</i>			
	CWs. and SM:			
	5 CWs. named & sworn: 6 SM. named - 1 absent, 5 sworn.			
ODc.	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Russell, John	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Russell, John	CW. not making acct. of his office	n.	remains ex.
[114]	Jourden, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Wilkins, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Austin, Margaret (? , dau.)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Sparkes, Lancelot	ch. rate owing	a.	mon. to pay before Annunciation.
	Sparkes, John	ch.rate owing	n.	ex.
	Buckingham, Titus	laying timber in chyd.	n.	em.cit.
[114v]	Pen, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.
	Prew, Robert	timber in chyd. & squaring &c.	a.?	apparitor reports timber has been removed; dim.
	Harvey, Michael, saddler	cland. mar. Bidlesden	n.	vmpx.
	Harvey, [blank], pretended wife of H, Michael	cland. mar.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Walsall, Reginald (? , rel.)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	<i>Note: 'he was excommunicated; query who buried him.'</i>			
[115]	Oc. Wells, Mary (Richardes, Richard)	test.	a.	R.R. proves she lived on alms of parish & 'died nothing worth.'
	Buckingham, Christabel wife of B, Titus, <i>con.</i>	def.	a.	Kerwood to respond
	Kerwood, Peter.		Home gives in libel	px.
	Paige, Thomas, & Martha, his wife	inc.bcf.mar.	n.	vmpx.
	Buckingham, Titus	allowing hogs to be in chyd.	n.	em.cit.
	Huckell, Mary	abs.ch.	n.	vmpx.
	Eedens, Mary	abs.ch.	n.	vmpx.
[115v]	Long, Alice	'for disturbance in the church'	n.	ex.
	Oc. Tustian, Thomas (T, Martin Mr)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Pedley, George	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>

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[115v ctd.]	Hall Thomas	winnowing in chyd.	n.e.	n.e.
	Perryn, William	broke open chyd. gate & brought hay into chyd.	n.e.	n.e.
	Wrighton, Richard	brought a cart through chyd.	n.e.	n.e.
	Oc. Fletcher (als. Weston), Elizabeth, pretended wife of James Fletcher, chandler.	test.	a	Note: 3rd March, 1635, G.S. (Doctor) committed letters of admin. to James Fletcher.
[116]-[117v]	[Blank]			
[118]	Banbury, 27th April, 1635. 'ACTS in the Visitation of clergy and people of the peculiar jurisdiction of Banbury held in the choir of the Parish Church 12-3 p.m. before Mr John French, substitute, H.J.' CWs. and SM.: 5 CWs. named - 4 sworn; 6 SM. named & sworn.			
ODc.	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Russell, John	inc.	a.	remains ex. 'absolutus est a retro.'
[118v]	Russell, John, CW. Great Bourton	not making acct. of his office.	n.?	remains ex. 'absolutus est a retro.'
	Jourden, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Wilkins, Robert	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Austin, Margaret (? , dau.)	test.	n.	ex.
	Sparkes, Lancelot	ch.dues	a.	absd., promised to pay.
[119]	Sparkes, John	ch.dues	a.	absd., promised to pay.
	Pen, Thomas	inc.	?	res. pub. ex. until Feast of the Purification.
	Harvey, Michael, saddler	cland. mar. & wkg. chyd.	n.	ex.
	Harvey, [blank], pretended wife of M.H.	cland. mar.	n.	ex.
	Oc. Walsall, Reginald (? , rel.)	test.	a.	absd.
	'excommunicated, query who buried him'			[No answer as to who buried him.]
	Page, Thomas & Martha, his wife	inc. bef. mar.	n.	ex. both.
[119v]	Huckell, Mary	abs.ch.	n.	ex.
	Ecdens, Mary, wife of E. Martin	abs.ch.	a.	dim. (with husband)
	Long, Alice	disturbance in ch.	a.	submitted, dim.
	Oc. Tustian, Thomas (T, Martin Mr)	test.	n.	penalty res. px.

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[119v <i>ctd.</i>]	Perrin, William	broke open chyd. gate	n.	vmpx.
	Wrighton, Richard	cart through chyd.	n.	vmpx.
[120]	Buckingham, Christabel <i>con.</i> Kerwood, Peter	def.	a. (Horne & Kerwood)	Kerwood admits & Horne accepts.
	Oc. Hawten, John (H, John)	test.	n. em.cit.	
	Oc. Robins, [<i>blank</i>], widow (?)	test.	a.	will proved last ct.
	Ocs. Gill, John Mr, of Wykham, [?]	test.	a.	will proved before G.S. 7th March last by exor., John Gill.
[120v]	Baker, John	'for his garden in the chyd.'	a.	'to lay open his garden to the churchyard, the same being part therof' & to cert. before Feast of St. John Baptist.
	Oc. Kyte, Richard (K, Bathsheba, rel. & exix.)	test.	a.	will proved.
	Oc. Helmdon, George, pauper, (Hawten, Mary, exix.)	test.	a.	will proved before W.W. sub.
	Oc. Kimbell, Anne (K, John)	test.	a.	[No outcome recorded.]
	Oc. Saunderson, Alice (Welford, Richard, exor.)	test.	a. (R.W.)	[No outcome recorded.]
	Oc. Jackson, Thomas (Nib, John, exor.)	test.	a. (J.N.)	to prove will in P.C.C.
[121]	Oc. Claridge, Henry (C, Mary, dau.)	test.	a.	will proved.
	Oc. Wilkins, James (W, Frideswide, rel. & exix.)	test.	a.	will proved.
	Oc. Pedley, Thomas (?)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Oc. Toms, Giles (?)	test.	a.	admin. granted to John, son, & Margaret, rel.
	Oc. Gould, Richard (?)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Oc. Ryme, Mary (Maior, Elizabeth, sister)	test.	a. (Anne Owen dau. of E.M.)	exhib. inv., dim.
[121v]	Robins, John, <i>con.</i>	def.	a.	term probatory ordered.
	Hadley, Elizabeth		(Horne for J.R.)	
	[<i>blank</i>], Jeremy, servant of Ward, Samuel	inc.	n.e.	n.e.
	[<i>blank</i>], Joan, servant of Fox, Henry	inc.	n.e.	n.e.

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[122]	Buckingham, Titus	carting in chyd.	n.e.	n.e.
	Hall, Thomas	winnowing in chyd.	n.	vmpx.
	Pettifer, James	inc.	n.e.	n.e.
	Higgins, William, jun. & his wife	inc. bef. mar.	n.e.	n.e.
	Jarvis, Sarah, wife of J, William	bawdry	n.e.	n.e.
	Sharp, Alice	striking Nicholas Feild in chyd.	a.	denies; has to prove px.
[122v]	[Blank]			
[123]	Jordaine, Alice, widow, before W.W. substitute.	abs.ch.	a.	dcm., pauper.
	Feild, (als. Hartlett), Isabel	inc.	a.	pen. 'vestibus solitis.'
[123v]	[Blank]			
[124]	Hawes, Thomas	dr.	a.	dcm., pauper.
	Jourden, [blank], widow	abs.ch.	a.	absd., dcm., pauper.
	Kerwood, Peter & Joan, his wife	inc. bef. mar.	a.	ack. mar. at Fringford ch.
	Russell, Edward	inc.	a.	explains [no further entry, which probably means explanation was accepted].
[124v]	Haynes, John (son, ador. H, Margaret)	test.	a.	explains; mon. to appear px.
	Abraham, Dorothy (exix. A, Jeremy)	test.	a.	will proved; pauper.
	Carpenter (als. Essex, als. Crosby), Richard	inc.	a. petitioned absolution	pen. 'vestibus solitis' before W.W. & CWs.; pauper.
[125]	Banbury, 14th September, 1635. ACTS in Visitation. P.C. 12-3 p.m. before [names omitted]. CWs. & SM: 5 CWs. named - 4 sworn; 6 SM. named & sworn.			
ODc.	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Jourden, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Wilkins, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[125v]	Oc. Austin, Margaret (? , dau.)	test.	n.	non em.ex.
	Pen, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.
	Harvey, Michael, saddler, & his wife	cland. mar. & winnowing in chyd.	n.	ex.
	Page, Thomas, & Martha, his wife	inc. bef. mar.	n.	ex.
	Huckell, Mary	abs.ch.	n.	ex.
	Perrin, William	broke open chyd. gate & brought in hay	n.	vmpx.

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[126]	Oc. Tustian, Thomas (T, Martin Mr, son)	test.	n.	ex.
	Wrighton, Richard	carriage through chyd.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Hawten, John (H, John)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Buckingham, Christabel, <i>con.</i> Kerwood, Peter	def.	a.	'pax.'
	Baker, John	'for his garden in the chyd.'	a.	CW. certified that garden has been laid open as ordered; pauper.
	Oc. Kimbell, Anne (K, John)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Welford, Richard (exor. Saunderson, Alice)	test.	n.	em.cit.
[126v]	Nib, John (exor. Jackson, Thomas)	test.	a.	exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
	Oc. Pedley, Thomas (?)	test.		'ordered the last court.'
	Oc. Gould, Richard (?)	test.		'ordered the last court.'
	Robins, John, <i>con.</i> Hadley, Elizabeth	def.	a.	Horne has it to prove.
	[blank], Jeremy, servant of Ward, Samuel	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	[blank], Joan, servant of Cox, Henry	inc.	n.	vmpx.
[127]	Buckingham, Titus	carting in chyd.	a.	dcm.
	Hall, Thomas	winnowing in chyd.	a.	dcm.
	Pettifer, James	inc.	a.	explains.
	Pratchett, Anne	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Higgins, William, jun. & his wife	inc. bef. mar.	n.	vmpx.
	Jarvis, Sarah, wife of J, William	bawdry	a.	mon.to answer re detections; refused, so ex.
[127v]	Sharp, Alice,	striking Nicholas Feild in chyd.	a.	refused to answer detection, so ex.
	Feild, (als. Hartlett), Isabel	inc.	?	non em.pena.
	Bishopp, Anthony, miller	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Russell, Edward	inc.	n.	ex.
	Done, Dorothy	inc.	?	em.cit.
	Oc. Haynes, Margaret (H, John, son)	test.	n.	ex.
[128]	Carpenter (als. Essex, als. Crosby), Richard	inc.	a.	pen.; pauper.
	Oc. Knight, Bazaliel (K, [blank])	test.	n.	vmpx.

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[128 ctd.]	Oc. Gulliver, Edmund (G, Mary, rel. & adix.)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Nicholls, Hampden (N. Elizabeth, rel. & adix.)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	Oc. Stocklie, Helen (?)	test.	n.e.	n.e.
	White, Elizabeth con. Sivier, Thomas	def.	a. (Horne & Sivier)	submitted [no outcome recorded].
[128v]	Oc. [blank], Michael, servant of Mr Chamberlayne of Wickham	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Styward, Richard, jun.	dr. & sw. 'often'	n.	em.cit.
	Oc. Wells, Mary (Richards, Richard)	test.	a. (Joan, dau. of M.W., & wife of R.R.)	explains mother 'died worth nothing.'
	Pratchett, Anne	inc.	a.	purg.4.
[129]	Jarvis, Sarah	inc. of Higgins, Elizabeth	a. at the Judge's house	16 September, 1635, explains.
[129v]	Higgins, Elizabeth	cland. mar.	a.	16 September, 1635,
[130]		& inc.		explains.
[130v]	9th December, 1635: Washington, Richard, clerk, Rector of Swerford con. Hall, John.	tithes	a.?	em.cit.
	Note: 'Mr George Harford, clerk, M.A., licensed to teach children at Banbury.'			
[131]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, Tuesday, 14th March, 1635/6. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. G.S. H.J.			
	Note: 'Of Mr Wheatley for licences:' n.e.			
ODc.	Robins, Thomas	inc.	n.	remains ex.
	Jourden, Alice	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Long, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Wilkins, John	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
	Bull, John, sen.	abs.ch.Sab.	n.	ex.
[131v]	Oc. Austin, Margaret ([blank], dau.)	test.	n.	non em.ex.
	Penn, Thomas	inc.	n.	ex.; inhibited before.
	Harvey, Michael, saddler, & his wife	cland. mar. & winnowing in chyd.	n.	ex.
	Page, Thomas, & Martha, his wife	inc. bef. mar.	n.	ex.
	Huckell, Mary	abs.ch.	a.	absd. & dcm.
	Perrin, William	broke chyd. gate to bring in hay	a.	mon. to pay fees, dim.

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[131v <i>ctd.</i>]	Oc. Tustian, Thomas (T, Martin, son)	test.	a.	non em.ex., dim.
[132]	Wrighton, Richard	carriage in chyd. (citation fixed on ch. door in time of Morning Prayer by Timothy Harrys)	n.	ex.
	Oc. Hawten, John (H, Mary, rel. & exix.)	test.	n.	vmpx.
	Oc. Kimbell, Anne (K, John).	test.		'dispatched the last court.'
	Nibb, John (exor. Jackson, Thomas)	test.	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>
	Robins, John, & Hadley (als. White), Elizabeth	inc.	a. (E.H.)	purged & dim.
	[blank], Jeremy, servant of Ward, Samuel.	inc.	n.	ex.
	[blank], Joan, servant of Cox, Henry.	inc.	n.	ex.
	Pettifer, James	inc.	a.	submits himself to purg. 4.
[132v]	Pratchett, Anne	inc.	a.	purged.
			16th March	
	Higgins, William, jun., & his wife	inc. bef. mar.	n.	vm.
	Jarvis, Sarah	bawdry	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>
	Sharpe, Alice	striking Nicholas Feild in chyd.	n.	ex.
	Feild, (als. Hartlett), Isabel	inc.	a.	non em.pena.
	Bishopp, Anthony, miller	inc.	n.	ex.
	Russell, Edward	inc.	a.	brought in inhibition from Court of Arches, dated 8th October, 1635; case suspended.
[133]	Oc. Haynes, Margaret (H, John, son)	test.	a.	absd.
	Oc. Knight, Bazaliel (K, [blank])	test.	a.	exhib. will proved in P.C.C.
	Oc. Gulliver, Edmund (G, Mary, rel. & adix.)	test.	a.	renunciation.
	Oc. Nicholls, Hamden (N, Elizabeth, rel. & adix.)	test.	a.	exhib. acct.; refused to pay fees, so ex.; pauper.
	Oc. Stockley, Helen (?)	test.	n.	em.cit.
	White, Elizabeth, <i>con.</i> 'Thomas Jurden Sivier'	def.	n.	ex. for not paying expenses.
	Oc. [blank], Michael, servant of Mr Chamberlayne of Wickham	test.	n.	em.cit.
	Styward, Richard, jun.	dr. & sw.	n.	ex.

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[133v]	Jarvis, Sarah	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
	Oc. Long, Matthew	test.	n.	em.cit.
	(?)			
	Oc. Mayo, [blank], widow	test.	n.	em.cit.
	(?)			
	Oc. Huincke, [blank], widow	test.	a.	will proved.
	[blank], son			
	King, John, mercer	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Rock, Sarah	inc.	n.	vmpx.
	Penn, Thomas	inc.	n.	vmpx.
[134]	Higgins, William	inc. bef. mar.	n.e.	n.e.
	Higgins, Elizabeth	inc. bef. mar.	n.e.	n.e.
	Jarvis, William	bawdry	n.e.	n.e.
		(allowing inc.)		
[134v]	Toms, George, of Astrop, par. of King's Sutton, pro. Toms, Robert	inc. & bond	a.	'supersedit' (halted pro tem., stayed).
	Toms, Edward, of King's Sutton	n.e.	n.e.	n.e.
[135]	Robins, John	inc.	a.	dim. 'a retro.'
	Note: 'Mr George Harford's subscription to the Articles of Religion.'			
[135v]	14th March, 1635. Statement, re case of Elizabeth Hadley and John Robins, by Joseph Bartlett.			
[136]	16th March, 1635, before G.S., <i>Official and Commissary of the Peculiar jurisdiction 'de Banbury et Buckingham cum Sutton Regis.'</i>			
ODc.	Toms, Robert, of King's Sutton	inc.	a.	confessed & submitted; pen., commuted 40s.
			(Robert French, gent. of Banbury)	
[136v]	Sparks, Lancelot, & Sparks, John	ch.rates	n.	cit.px.
[137]	ACTS. P.C., Banbury, 1st October, 1638, W.W. G.R. 'Curia tenta in ecclesia parochiali de Banburie die Lune primo vizt. die mensis Octobris Anno domini 1638 Coram Willelmo Wheatley Clerico in Artibus magistro surrogato doctoris Swett Commissarii etc. presente Gregorie Remingtonne notorio publico registrario etc.'			
	Midleton, Thomas, Fox, Henry, Wheatley, Nathaniel			farmers of the rectory of Banbury, for 3 years glebe lands. [Mg. Bourton.]
	Glover, Elizabeth, midwife	licence	a. before Mr G. Harford, surrogate	took oath; to pay fees 'erga proximam sessionem.' [Mg. Judge 6s.8d. Registrar 3s.4d.]
	Jones, Margaret, midwife	licence	a. as above	as above

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[137 <i>ctd.</i>]	Walsoc, Robert	nhc. 'according to the 64th article'	n.	ex.
	Vivers, Robert Mr	'not paying levy towards ch. repairs'	n.	vmpx.
[137v]	Howes, George	inc. 'as the fame goeth'	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>
	Hawkes, Elizabeth	inc. 'with the said Howes'	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>
	Crosley, [<i>blank</i>], Mr, physician	not licensed	n.	to be cit.
	Knight, William, physician	not licensed	n.	ex.
	Barnes, Mathew, of Bourton	test. 'To account in the goods of Jane Barnes, his mother, deceased'	<i>n.e.</i>	<i>n.e.</i>
[138]	Vivers, Richard	ch.dues.	a.	has paid, dim.
	Vivers, Richard	tax of 12s.	a.	has paid, dim.
	West, Aholiab	tax of 7s.	a.	has paid, dim.
	Howes, George	inc.	n.	em.cit.
[138v]	Hawkes, Elizabeth	inc.	n.	em.cit.
	Jones, Margaret, widow, midwife.	not licensed	n.	em.cit
	Crossley, [<i>blank</i>], Mr, physician	not licensed	a.	oath taken; absd.; dim. without fees.
	Knight, William, Mr, physician	not licensed	n.	vmpx.

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- Corporation Official** - Ralph Ashmole, Nicholas Berry, John Bentley, jun., Matthew Bentley, Edward Bosse, Robert Craftes, Thomas Densy, Mathew Dudley, Martin Edens, Henry Fox, William Gilkes, Richard Hadley, Anthony Hall, John Hall, John Heele, Thomas Helmdon, Thomas Huckell, Timothy Kendall, Robert Kinch, John King, Robert Lamprey, William Longe, Obediah Lord, Thomas Middleton, Robert Neale, John Newland, John Newman, Thomas Newman, Thomas Perrin, Seth Pope, William Pym, William Reasing, Thomas Raynoldes, Henry Richards, George Robins, John Robins, William Robins, Edward Russell, William Samon, John Scott, Henry Sherwood, Nathaniel Strong, John Terry, Edward Walker, John Walmesley, John Wheatley, John Wilkins, Edward Williamson, Fulk Wing, Thomas Winge
- Currier** - Thomas Crowder, Henry Smith
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- Gardener** - James Rickettes
- Gentleman** - Richard Archer, Robert Bentlie, Richard Cartwright, Robert French, John Gill, (?) Hawten, Besaleel Knight, William Knight, (?) Udall, (?) Vickers, Richard Vivers, (?) Walker, Thomas Wheatley
- Glazier** - William Dissill, William Hosier
- Glover** - Michael Johnson, Walter Wawford, Nicholas White
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- Herdman** - Richard Browne
- Husbandman** - Charles Dodson, Daniel Dodson, George Drinkwater, Roger Fox, Peter French, (?) Gooddin, John Hall, Richard Jurden, Richard Kite, Richard Kymble, John Long, John Palmer, Mathew Skarlett, Robert Tayler, William Tayler, Walter Wells
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- Mason (Freemason)** - Thomas Ells, Robert Neale
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- Midwife** - Elizabeth Glover, Margaret Jones
- Miller** - Anthony Bishop, Richard Hixson, William Styles
- Notary Public** - Humphrey Jones, Hatfield Reckles, Gregory Remington
- Pauper** - Dorothy Abraham, John Baker, Zachariah Beenam, Thomas Best, Fulk Blincowe, James Byrd, Richard Carpenter, Anne Coates, William Cooper, Widow Cox, Margaret Crosby, Anne Dodson, John Dreed, John Easy, Thomas Ell, Isabel Feild,

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tanner, mother of John **Izard** 36, 45v, 53, 61, 66, 77v
- Dodson** Anne, widow of Charles D.,
mother and exix. Daniel D, pauper 6, 10v, 95;
Charles, husbandman 4, 6, 10v;
Daniel, husbandman 64v, 82, 86, 89v, 95
Done - *see* Dean
- Downes** Elizabeth 104v
- Dreed** (Dreede) John, pauper 56, 62, 67, 78v
- Drinkwater** (Drinkwatter) George,
husbandman 29v;
Marian/Mary, widow, adix. and exix. of George D. 29v, 55, 61v, 67, 70v, 78v, 81v, 85, 86, 89, 89v, 92v, 93, 96, 97, 102, 106v, 124v, 128
- Drope** (Drop), Ralph, mercer, CW. (1630), (1631) 59v, 76, 76v, 90v;
Thomas Mr, clerk, Rector of Aynho, or Rector of Ardley 89
- Dudley** Anne, widow 64;
Mathew, tailor, SM. (1626) 5
- Dumbleton** Mary, wife of Thomas D. 95, 105v, 112;
Thomas 95, 105v, 112
- Dutton** Thomas Sir, of Wickham 58, 62v, 68
- Easy** (Easey, Easie) John, butcher 10, 16v, 21v, 26v, 33, 44, 51v, 60v, 65v, 77v
- Eaton** Alice, widow 62v, 68, 79v
- Edens** (Eedens) Martin 105, 112, 115, 119v;
Mary, wife of Martin E. 105, 112, 115, 119v
- Eedam** (?), Mr, proctor(?) 63, 67
- Eedens** - *see* Edens
- Ell** Thomas, innholder, compurgator for Michael **Clarke**, pauper 12v, 55v -
see also Ells
- Elliott** Dynah 17, 17v, 22;
John (als. **Miller**), spokesman for Robert **Toms** 134v
- Ells** Joyce, rel. and exix. Thomas E.,
mason; m. Nicholas **Berry** 63v, 74;
Thomas, mason 63v -
see also Ell

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Essex - see Carpenter, Crosby

Evans Joan, compurgator for Frances

Higgins 15v

Ewicke (Ewick, Huincke; also recorded as **Yewick** and **Youick**, in B. Bap. and Bur. Regs.) Nicholas, of Neithrop, SM. (1632), (1633) 92, 102, 106;
(?) (Joyce), widow 133v

Farmer John Dr, Commissary to Archbishop of Canterbury 134v

Feild Isabel (als. **Hartlett**), pauper, wife of Passover H. 99v, 103, 107, 108v, 123, 127v, 132v;
Nicholas 122, 127v, 132v;
Priscilla, wife of William F. 41v
William 41v

Fitch Henry, of Swerford/Salford 3v, 8v, 13, 19v, 25v, 32, 43, 51

Fletcher Elizabeth (als. **Weston**), pretended wife of James F. 115v;
James, chandler, ador. Elizabeth F. 101v, 105v, 107v, 115v

Flexney Ralph Mr, priest 5

Foster John, attorney 65v

Fox Henry, farmer of rectory of B. 29v, 121v, 137;
Roger, husbandman 112v;
Timothy, SM. (1628), CW. (1629) for Hornton 31, 42

Francknell John 75, 82

French Anne, rel. and exix. Peter F. 112;
John, proctor (also sub-Commissary) 13, 16v, 19v, 21v, 25v, 29v, 32, 33, 39, 43, 44, 47v, 51, 51v, 54, 61, 66v;
John Mr, M.A., sub-Commissary 95, 118, 124v;
Peter, SM. (1626), (1627), of Overthorpe, husbandman 11, 23, 30v, 112;
Richard, maltster, ador. Susanna **Tayler** (als. **Mayoe**) 22v, 88, 90, 94;
Robert, gent., son and tem. oc. Margery **Nayler** 63v, 69, 80v, 85v, 136;
Susan, rel. and tem. oc. Richard F. 88, 90, 91v, 94, 99, 110;

French *ctd.* Thomas, of Coton, parish of Cropredy, yeoman 95

Fritter Lawrence, son of Nicholas F. 17, 17v;
Nicholas, of Stowe, Northants., bro.-in-law of William **Kench** 17, 17v

Gandy Hugh 87v

Gardiner John, tem. oc. Thomas G. of Hardwick 83, 86v, 89v, 93v, 97v;
Thomas, of Hardwick 83, 86v, 89v, 93v, 97v

Gibbard Robert, of Grimsbury, SM. (1630), CW. (1631), (1632), (1633) 59v, 76, 76v, 90v, 92, 96, 102, 106

Gibs Magdalena, oc. Nicholas G. 110v;
Nicholas 110v

Giles Sampson, of 'Coulton' (Coton), Cropredy 14v

Gilkes Richard, next-of-kin of Anne **Kench** of Horley 50;
William, mercer, SM. (1634), (1635), Tithingman, Constable 111, 113v, 118, 125

Gill John, gent., of Wickham, B. Corp., Alderman, J.P., Bailiff 120;
John, grandson of John G. of Wickham 120;
Luke, tailor 15v

Glover Elizabeth, midwife, wife of Henry G. 72, 137;
Henry 72

Goodwin (Goddyn, Gooddin, Goodwyn), Alice, widow, exix. William G., pauper 23;
Dorothy, rel. and tem. oc. Nicholas G. 47;
Henry, CW. (1626) of Horley 11;
John, tailor, CW. (1626), (1627) 11, 23, 30v;
Mary, widow of Thomas G. 49;
Nicholas, of Overthorpe 38v, 47;
Thomas 40, 49;
William, shoemaker 23;
(?), Mr 31

Gould Richard 121, 126v

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- Graves** William, pauper 57, 62, 67v, 79
- Greene** Alice, dau. of Lettice G. 110v;
Lettice, widow 110v
- Gregory** Anne, wife of John **Webbe** of
Calthorpe 48v, 61 - *see also* Anne **Webbe**
- Griffin** Elizabeth, wife of Thomas G.
10v, 14;
Thomas 10v
- Grundy** (Grundee, Grundey) Catherine,
wife of Richard G. 57, 62, 67v (*see also*
Catherine **Tayler**);
Richard 57, 62, 67v, 71v, 81v
- Gulliver** Edmund 128, 133;
Mary, rel. and tem. adix. Edmund G. 128,
133
- Guy** (Guye) Henry 56v, 62, 67v, 79;
Jane, widow 91, 94
- Haddon** (Hadden) Elizabeth, wife of
William **Higgins**, jun., cousin of Sarah
Jarvis 129, 129v, 130 (*see also*
Elizabeth **Higgins**);
John, of Farnborough, brother of
Elizabeth **Hadden/Higgins** 130
- Hadley** Elizabeth (als. **White**), rel. and
tem. oc. Richard H., wife of Mathew
White 99v, 121v, 126v, 132, 135, 135v;
Richard, Tithingman, Constable 99v, 110v
- Haines - *see* Haynes
- Halhead - *see* Hollyhead
- Hall** (Hawle) Anthony, apothecary, SM.
(1632), (1633), farmer of tithes 16v, 21v,
92, 96, 102, 106;
Avery 54;
Elizabeth/Isabel, widow of John H. 91v,
94v, 98, 110v;
Frideswide 7;
John, of Nethercote, husbandman 54v;
John, baker, of the Altar Stone, CW.
(1628) 30v, 58v, 130v;
Joyce, mother of William **Pratchett** 128v,
129;
Richard, upholsterer, ador. and exor.
Elizabeth H., SM. (1625) 5, 91v, 94v, 98;
Thomas 115v, 122, 127
- Hallihead - *see* Hollyhead
- Hallows** Richard 103v
- Hallyhead - *see* Hollyhead
- Ham** Henry, clerk of Hardwick, husband
of Sarah **Borrows** 102v
Sarah - *see under* **Borrows**
- Hameel** William, of Middle Barton 74
- Harford** (Harforde) George, clerk, M.A.,
schoolmaster, Vicar of B., sub-
Commissary 130v, 135, 137
- Harris** (Harrys) Elizabeth, widow 101,
103, 107;
Richard, son, exor. and tem. oc. Elizabeth
H. 101, 103v;
Thomas 35v;
Timothy, apparitor(?) 132
- Harte** (Hartt) William, schoolmaster 17v,
22, 48v
- Hartlett** (Hartley) Anne, wife of Passover
H. 67v; Elizabeth, widow of Henry H.
54v;
Henry, grazier, yeoman 54v;
Isabell - *see* **Feild**;
Passover, pauper 57v, 62v, 67v, 79, 123,
127v, 132v
- Harvey** Joan, widow, exix. Simon H.
22v;
Michael, saddler, son of Joan H. 113,
114v, 119, 125v, 131v;
Simon, saddler 22v;
(?), wife of Michael H. 113, 114v, 119,
125v, 131v
- Hathaway** Robert 48, 54
- Hatton** Anne, widow, ador. Daniel H. 15v;
Daniel 15v
- Hawes - *see* Hawse
- Hawkes** Elizabeth 137v, 138, 138v
- Hawkins** Richard 62v;
William, mercer, SM. (1630), (1631),
CW. (1634), (1635), Tithingman,
Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman,
Mayor 59v, 76, 76v, 90v, 111, 113v,
118, 125
- Hawle - *see* Hall

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- Hawse** (Hawes) Thomas, saddler 3, 8v, 10, 38, 47, 53v, 61, 63v, 68v, 78, 80, 124
- Hawten** Edward 39, 47v;
John, sen., of Grimsbury 120, 126, 132;
John, jun., oc. John H., sen. 126;
Mary, rel. and exix. John H., exix. George Helmdon 120v, 132;
Mary, Mistress, of Calthorpe 48v, 83, 83v, 87, 90, 93v, 97v;
Priscilla, wife of William Feild 41v
- Haynes** (Haines, Heanes) John, mercer 35v, 63, 72;
John, cordwainer/shoemaker 39, 41v, 47v, 53v, 61, 66v, 78;
John, son and tem. oc. Margaret, wife of John H. 35v, 72;
Margaret H. of Fenny Compton 124v, 127v, 133;
Margaret, widow of Fenny Compton 124v, 127v, 133;
Thomas 66v
- Haywood** Alice, widow 105;
(?), Joyce, sister and oc. Alice H. 105
- Heanes - *see* Haynes
- Heele** John, sen. 30v, 54v, 61v, 66v;
John, jun., shoemaker, ador. Elizabeth Williamson, Searcher and Sealer of Leather 70
- Helmdon** Dorothy, widow of Thomas H. 35;
George, labourer, pauper 120v;
Thomas, butcher, Taster of Victuals 35
- Hickes - *see* Hix
- Higgins** Elizabeth, wife of William H., jun. 122, 127, 132v, 134, 134v, 136 - *see also* Elizabeth Haddon;
Frances, wife of William H., sen. 15v, 18 (*see also* John Haddon);
William, miller, lately servant of William Styles 98v, 108;
William, of Nethercote, labourer 15v, 18, 28, 28v, 34, 44v, 52, 60v, 66, 77v;
William, jun. 122, 127, 129, 129v, 130, 132v, 134, 134v
- Hill** Epiphany, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Bridgemaster, Mayor 110;
Nathaniel, son of Epiphany H., tanner, SM. (1626), (1627), CW (1632), (1633), Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Mayor, Bridgemaster 11, 23, 30v, 92, 96, 102, 106;
Thomas 108
- Hix** (Hickes) Thomas, SM. (1628), CW (1629) of Hornton 31, 41v, 42
- Hixson** Richard, miller, of Noball, Worcs. 10v
- Hiorn - *see* Hyorn
- Hollyhead** (Halhead, Hallihead, Hallyhead, Holihead, Hollihead, Hollyed - *in other records this surname most often appears as Halhead*)
Anne, widow 4v, 9, 13v;
Henry, jun., ador. and oc. Anne H. 9, 13v;
John, SM. (1631) 76v;
Richard, woollendrapier, SM. (1630), (1631), CW. (1632), (1633) 59v, 71v, 76, 90v, 92, 96, 102, 106;
Sarah, rel., ador. and tem. oc. William H. 83, 86v, 89v;
Thomas, woollendrapier, B. Corp., Assistant, Burgess, Alderman, Bridgemaster, Mayor 3v, 8v, 13, 19v, 25v, 32, 43, 51;
William, clerk, schoolmaster, father of Richard H. 48v, 64, 69v, 71v, 82v, 86v, 89v
- Horne** Christopher(?), proctor 32, 43, 51, 64, 69v, 81v, 83v, 84, 87v, 105v, 107v, 109, 115, 120, 121v, 126v, 128 (possibly also the 'C.H.' referred to in 53, 53v, 54v, 70, 71, 72v, 79v, 83);
Elizabeth, widow of Richard H. of Horley 5v;
Richard, of Horley 5v
- Horsman** Edward, compurgator for Thomas Charles 82
- Hosier** William, glazier 4, 9, 13v, 20 - (*see also under Digwillian*)

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- Howes** (Howse) George 137v, 138;
Edward, CW. of Hornton (1628) 31
- Huckell** Mary, wife of Thomas H. 100,
105, 107v, 112, 115, 119v, 125v, 131v;
Thomas, Sergeant-at-Mace, Taster of
Victuals 100, 105, 107v, 112, 115, 119v,
125v, 131v
- Huincke - *see* Ewicke
- Hull** Anne, rel. and oc. James H. 38v;
James, labourer 38v;
John, CW. (1628) 39v, 84, 87v, 90
- Humphreys** James, of Chacombe, brother
and ador. Mary H. 95;
Mary, spinster, 'servant of Andrew
Ansloe' 95
- Huntley** Joan, widow and exix. William
H. 95;
William, basket-maker 95
- Hyorn** John, of Tadmarton, father, ador.
and oc. Thomas H. 110;
Thomas, carpenter 110
- Ingram** Richard, clerk, Rector of
Shenington, sub-Commissary 77, 84,
87v, 99, 109
- Ireland** Dorothy, wife of Roger I. 48, 54;
Roger 48, 54
- Izard** John, son and oc. Margery **Dixe** 36,
45v, 53, 61, 66, 77v
- Jackson** John, compurgator for Michael
Clarke 12v;
Thomas, of Nethercote 120v, 126v, 132
- Jarvis** (Jarvace, Jarvayce) Alice, wife of
Richard Peedle 101v, 104, 107v;
John, labourer 63v;
Sarah, wife of William J., jun., cousin of
Elizabeth **Hadden** 122, 127, 129, 130,
132v, 133v;
William, sen., compurgator for Michael
Clarke 12v, 57, 62, 63, 63v, 67v, 68, 69,
79, 79v, 80v, 85, 89, 92v, 129, 129v;
William, jun. 122, 127, 129, 129v, 130,
132v, 133v, 134, 136
- Jenson** (Jenison, Jenson) Richard 56v,
62, 67v, 79, 85, 89
- Johnson** John, apparitor 1, 13v, 114v;
Michael, glover 108;
William, Victualler, son and oc. Michael
J. 35v, 61, 95, 108
- Jones** Alice, servant of Mr **Archer** of
Neithrop 98v, 110v;
Humphrey, Notary Public 1, 7, 12, 19, 25,
31v, 32, 43, 51, 59v, 60, 65, 77, 85, 89,
92, 96, 102, 111, 118, 131;
Margaret, midwife, compurgator for
Frances **Higgins** 15v, 137, 138v
- Jordaine, Jordan, Jourden - *see* Jurden
- Judd** Anthony 2, 7v, 12v;
Dorothy, wife of Thomas J. 72, 72v;
Margery, wife of Anthony J. of Neithrop
2, 7v, 12v;
Thomas, Chandler 72
- Jurden** (Jordaine, Jordan, Jourden)
Alice, of Calthorpe, widow, exix. of
Richard J.; pauper 23v, 27v, 37, 46, 57v,
100v, 103v, 107, 111v, 114, 118v, 123,
124, 125, 131;
Clement 82v;
Richard, of Neithrop, husbandman 23v,
27v
Thomas 133
See also Sivier
- Kench** (Kinch) Anne, of Horley 50;
Frances, rel., tem. oc. and adix. William
K. of Horley 40, 49;
Hiram 55v;
Joan, rel. and oc. Robert; pauper 104v;
John, pauper 10, 14v, ('Roger' *s.t.*), 20v;
John, SM (1628), CW. (1629) of Horley
31, 42;
Robert, Sergeant-at-Mace 104v
William, of Horley, pauper 17, 17v, 22,
26, 40, 49;
William 50
- Kendall** K(C)atherine, rel. and adix.
Timothy K., dau. and tem. oc. Alice
Eaton 64v, 68, 70, 79v;
Timothy, Tithingman 64v, 70

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Kenton - *see* **Kinton**

Kerwood Joan, wife of Peter K. 124;
Peter 115, 120, 124, 126

Kimble (Kimbell, Kymbell, Kymbble)
Anne, of Neithrop, widow, joint exix., joint
res. leg. Richard K. 4, 120v, 126, 132;
Elizabeth, wife and exix. John K. 110v;

John, eldest son, joint exor., joint res. leg.
of Richard K., oc. Anne K., SM. (1628),
(1629), (1630), CW. (1632), (1633),
(1634) 30v, 39v, 58v, 92, 96, 102, 106,
120v, 126, 132, 136v;

John 56v, 62, 67, 78v, 82, 85, 86v, 89,
110v;

Richard, of Neithrop, yeoman,
husbandman 4;

Thomas, son of John K. 69v;
(?), wife of Thomas K. 69v

Kinch - *see* **Kench**

King Edward, servant of Edward **Taylor**
81;

Elizabeth, widow 72, 72v;

John, mercer, Tithingman, Constable,
Wool-weigher 133v;

John, slatter, son of Elizabeth K. 63, 68,
68v, 72, 72v, 80, 89, 93, 96v, 102v, 106v;

Rose, maidservant of Thomas **Pen** 112v,
114v, 119, 125v, 131v

Kinton (Kenton) Thomas, shoemaker 39,
47v, 54, 61, 78

Kite (Kyte) Bathsheba, rel. and exix.

Richard K. 120v;

Richard, of Neithrop, husbandman, SM.
(1630), (1631) 59v, 76, 76v, 90v, 120v

Knibbe (Knib) Elizabeth (?), wife of
Thomas K. 64;

Joan, widow and exix. John K. 104;

John, yeoman 104;

Thomas 64 -

See also **Nib**

Knight Besaleel/Besaliel/Bazaliel, gent.,
son and tem. oc. Mr William K. 91,
110v, 128, 133;

William Mr, J.P., B. Corp., Bailiff,
Chamberlain, Town Clerk 45v, 91;

Knight *ctd.* William, son of William K.
38, 46v, 53v, 61, 66v, 78, 100v, 103,
107, 111v, 128v;

William, physician 137v, 138v;
(?), oc. Bezaliel K. 128, 133

Kymbell, Kymbble - *see* **Kimble**

Kyte - *see* **Kite**

Lamprey Robert, joiner, tem. oc. Jane
Guy 91, 94

Langham Edward, SM, (1628) 30v, 39v,
48, 58v

Lapworth (Lapsworth) (als. **Wilsheire**)
Elizabeth, leg. John W. 64, 69v

Lawley David 18

Leeson Alice, rel. and oc. William L. 70v,
81, 86;

William, of Grimsbury 70v, 81, 86

Little Francis, M.A., sub-Commissary 102

Lloyd, Oliver, Dr, Commissary 3v

Long (Longe) Alice, wife of William L.
115v, 119v;

Anne 83v, 87, 90, 93v, 97v;

Joan, widow and oc. Thomas L.,
compurgator for Mary **Bentley** 9v, 21;

Joan, rel. and exix. John L., yeoman,
husbandman of Neithrop 22v, 75, 86v,
89v, 93, 97, 102v, 106v;

John, yeoman, husbandman of Neithrop
21, 22v;

John, compurgator for Edmund

Smalebone 37, 63, 68v, 80, 100v, 103v,
107, 111v, 114, 118v, 125, 131;

Juliane, compurgator for Elizabeth

Hadley 7, 132;

Matthew, yeoman, of Neithrop 133v;

Matthew, son of Joan and John L. of
Neithrop, SM. (1634), (1635) 75, 82,
86v, 111, 113v, 118, 125;

Thomas, B. Corp., Bailiff 5, 9v, 14;

William, son of Thomas L., Tithingman
36, 63, 68v, 80, 115v, 119v

(?), widow - *see* **Charles**, Thomas

Lord Anne, widow 88v;

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- Lord** *ctd.* Obediah, SM. (1635), (1636),
Tithingman, Constable 110v, 111, 113v,
118, 125
- Lovell** Benjamin Mr, curate and
schoolmaster, Horley 96v, 99v;
Thomas, servant of Mrs **Hawten** 48, 48v
- Luccocke** Thomas, cordwainer, pauper 15
- Lumley** John, weaver 108
- Maior** Elizabeth, mother of Anne **Owen**,
sister of Mary **Ryme** 121
- Man** Edward Mr, yeoman, Constable, B.
Corp., Chamberlain, Assistant, Burgess
62v;
Millicent, rel. and exix. Edward M. 62v
- Marcham** Richard, labourer, compurgator
for Thomas **Charles** 82
- Marmian** (Marmion) Richard, of
Hardwick 29, 34v, 36v, 45, 46, 52v, 60,
65v;
(?), wife of Richard M. 29, 34v, 36v,
45, 46, 52v, 60, 65v
- Mayo** (Mayoe), Alice - *see under Tayler*;
Anne, rel. and oc. Anthony M. 38v, 47;
Anthony, labourer 38v, 47;
Catherine, of Wickham, widow, rel. and
adix. John M. 38, 47, 82v, 133v;
John of Wickham 38, 47, 82v
Susanna, widow 22v (*see also under*
French, Richard)
- Mellet** (Millett) William 70v, 81v, 86,
89v, 93, 97
- Merrick** (Merrick) William, proctor 3v,
5, 5v, 8v, 9v, 11v, 13, 14, 16v, 19v, 20,
21v, 32, 43, 51, 60
- Merry** William, of Purston 74
- Middleton** (Middleton) John, butcher 56;
Thomas, baker/butcher, Taster of
Victuals, Tithingman, Constable, farmer
of rectory of B. 67, 78v, 137
- Miller** John - *see Elliott*
Millett - *see Mellett*
- Mills** Margaret, servant of Mrs. **Hawten**
83v, 87, 90, 93v, 97v
- Mister** William, SM. (1626) of Hornton
11;
(?), of Horley(?) 41v
- Momford** Peter, CW. (1626) of Horley 11
see also Mumford
- Morby** Robert, labourer 104
- Mumford**, John, of Wroxton 135, 135v
see also Momford
- Naylor** (Nayler) Bartholomew, cutler,
Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp.,
Assistant 39, 39v, 41v, 47v, 53v, 61,
66v, 78;
Catherine, wife of Jonathan N. 1, 1v, 7,
12, 19, 25;
Jonathan, son of Bartholomew N. 1, 7, 12,
19, 37, 39v, 41v, 47v, 53v, 61, 66v;
Margery, widow of Bartholomew N. 39,
39v, 41v, 63v, 69, 80v, 85v
- Neale** Elizabeth, widow 101;
Robert, mason, son and exor. Elizabeth
N., Taster of Victuals 101;
Thomas 8v
- Newland** Giles, servant of Mrs **Hawten**
83v, 87, 90, 93v, 97v;
John, CW. (1626), (1627), Taster of
Victuals, Constable 11, 23, 30v
- Newman** Anne, wife of John N. 5v;
John, shoemaker/cordwainer, brother of
Thomas N., SM. (1626), (1627), (1628),
Searcher and Sealer of Leather 5v, 10v,
11, 23, 30v, 108;
Thomas, shoemaker, brother of John N.,
Searcher and Sealer of Leather 108
- Nib** (Nibb) John, exor. Thomas **Jackson**
120v, 126v, 132;
Mary 74
see also Knibbe
- Nicholls** (Nichols) Elizabeth, rel. and tem.
adix. Hamden N. 128, 133 - *see also*
Elizabeth **Pen**;
Gamaliel, son and exor. John N. 83, 86v,
89v;
Ham(p)den, husband of Elizabeth **Pen**
113, 128, 133;

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- Nicholls** *ctd.* John Mr, creditor, oc. and ador. William **Hosier**, uncle, res. leg. and exor. Thomas N., B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Chamberlain, Bailiff, Mayor, Bridgemaster, Overseer of the Poor, J.P. 4, 9, 20, 31, 74, 83, 86v, 89v;
Margaret, dau. and tem. oc. Anne **Wing**, wife of Organ N. 70, 81, 86;
Organ, mercer, tem. oc. John **Wing**, tem. oc. and ador. Anne **Wing**, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Mayor 17v, 22, 70, 81, 86;
Thomas, yeoman 31
- Norman** - *see* **Singer**
- Overbury** John 57v, 62
- Owen** Anne, dau. of Elizabeth **Maioir**, niece and oc. Mary **Ryme** 121
- Pace** James, of Newbury 83
- Page** (Paige) Martha, wife of Thomas P. 115, 119, 125v, 131v;
Thomas 115, 119, 125v, 131v
- Palmer** John, CW. (1628) of Hornton 31, 49;
John, of Bloxham, husbandman, formerly servant of Mr **Clarkson** 50v
- Paris** - *see* **Tayler**, Lawrence, Robert
- Parker** Henry, SM. (1626) of Horley 11
- Parsons** Edward, creditor, ador. Thomas Winge 30
- Pedley** Frances, mother and oc. James P., wife of George P., shoemaker (bur. 3 August, 1618) 63v, 69, 80v;
George, pauper 55v, 61v, 67, 78v, 115v;
Hugh 108v;
James, son of Frances P. 63v, 69, 80v;
John, son of Frances P. 91v, 99, 110;
Rebecca, wife of Hugh P. 108v;
Thomas, shoemaker 121, 126v
- Peedle** Richard, tailor, husband of Alice Jarvis 101v, 104, 107v
- Pen** (Penn) Elizabeth, of Middleton Cheney, wife of Hamden **Nichols** 113, 128 (*see also* Elizabeth **Nicholls**);
- Pen** *ctd.* Thomas 112v, 114v, 119, 125v, 131v, 133v
- Perrin** (Perryn) Rebecca, widow, tem. oc. and adix. Thomas P. 1, 94v, 98;
Thomas, saddler, Sergeant-at-Mace 91, 94v, 98;
William 115v, 119v, 125v, 131v
- Pettifer** James ('Goodman') 122, 127, 128v, 129, 132, 132v
- Phelip** Elizabeth 30v
- Phillipps** (Philips) George, tem. oc. William **Higgins**; CW. (1630), (1631), Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Bridgemaster 30v, 59v, 76, 76v, 88, 90v, 98v, 101v
- Phips** Isabel, of Hornton, wife of William **Clifford** 74
- Pilkington** Edward 5, 9, 13v, 20, 25v;
Margaret, rel. and adix. Edward P. 13v, 20, 25v
- Pim** (Pym) Mary, wife of John **Nichols** 74;
William(?), oc. Richard **Collins** 107v
- Pipen, Piper - *see* **Rogers**
- Pitham** (Pittam, Pittham) Anthony 11v;
Judith, wife of Anthony P. 5, 5v, 9v, 11v, 14, 16v, 20, 21v, 25v, 27, 32v, 33, 43, 44, 51, 60, 65
- Plumpton** Richard 100
- Pope** Seth, Tithingman, Constable 10, 14v
- Poulton** William, ador. Richard **Collins** 107v
- Pratchett** Anne, wife of William P. 122, 127, 128v, 129, 132, 132v;
William, slatter 99, 108v, 109, 122, 127, 128v, 132
- Pratt** Richard, SM. (1628), CW. (1629) of Horley 31, 42
- Prue** (Prewie) Robert, sexton of parish church 112v, 114v
- Pym - *see* **Pim**
- Pynar** (Pyner) Abraham, tailor 3, 8, 13, 19v, 25, 70v, 81v;
George, tailor, son of Abraham P. 18;
Joan, sister and exix. George P. 18

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Ragg (Ragge, Rigg, Rugg, Ruge)

Eleanor/Helen, maidservant of Lawrence
Steward 2, 7v, 8, 12v, 19v, 24, 25, 28,
 32, 43, 51, 60, 65, 77

Raynbowe Richard, thatcher 89v

Raynoldes (Reighnoldes, Reynoldes, Reynolds)

Anne, compurgator for Elizabeth Hadley 132;

John, of Neithrop, weaver 5;

Thomas, son and ador. John R.; CW.

(1634), (1635), Tithingman, Searcher and Sealer of Leather, Constable 5, 87v, 111, 113v, 118, 125

Reasing (Reason) Susan, widow, tem. oc.

and adix. William R. 91, 94, 98;

William, shoemaker, Taster of Victuals 91, 94, 98

Reckles Hatfield, Notary Public, Deputy Registrar 134v

Redman Richard, of Calthorpe, yeoman 58v

Remington Gregory, Notary Public 137

Reyley (Ryley) Richard 56v, 62, 67v, 79
 Reynolds - *see* Raynoldes

Richards (Richardes) Christian, of Neithrop, widow 88;

Henry, Tithingman (?) 64;

Joan (als. **Best**), dau. and oc. Thomas B., wife of Thomas R. of Calthorpe 15;

Joan, dau. of Mary **Wells**, wife of Richard R. 128v;

John, bro. and exor. Christina R. 86v, 88.;

Richard, son-in-law and tem. ador. Mary **Wells**, servant of John Scott 1, 7, 12, 19, 25, 115, 128v

Rickettes (Rickardes, Rikardes, Rickett)

Anne - *see under* **Steward**;

Elizabeth/Isabella 24, 29v;

Florence, compurgator for Anne

Pratchett 132v;

James, son of Elizabeth R.(f. 24)/Isabella (f. 29v), gardener 24, 29v, 56v

Rigg - *see* Ragg

Righton, Rigton - *see* Wrighton

Roane William, LL.B., surrogate to Dr Farmer 134v

Robins Barbara, dau. of Humphrey R., widow, of Neithrop 70v, 81v, 86, 89v, 93, 97, 111, 113v, 118;

Clemence, widow of John R. (bur. 8 April, 1613), of Neithrop 120;

Elizabeth, dau. of Edmund **Smalebone**, pretended wife of William R. 71, 81v;

George, shoemaker, Searcher and Sealer of Leather, Tithingman, Constable 4v, 64, 69v;

George, mercer, B. Corp., Alderman, Mayor 71;

Humphrey, father of Thomas R. 63v, 69v, 70v, 80v, 85v, 93, 97, 111, 113v, 118, 125, 131;

John, shoemaker, son and exor. George R.; exor. John **Wilshire**, Searcher and Sealer of Leather 4v, 64, 69v, 121v, 126v, 132, 135, 135v;

Samuel, second son of George R. 71;

Thomas, son (bap. 1 December, 1611) of Humphrey R. 63v, 69v, 80v, 85v, 89v, 93, 97, 111, 113v, 118, 125, 131;

Thomas, mercer, son of George R., mercer; SM. (1634), (1635), Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Mayor, J.P. 111, 113v, 118, 125;

William, son of George R.; SM (1632), (1633), Taster of Victuals, Tithingman, Constable 71, 81v, 92, 96, 102, 106

Roce Alice, compurgator for Anne **Pratchett** 132v

Rock Sarah 133v

Roeright (Rowleright) Edmund 41v

Rogers (als Piper, or Pipen) Ursula 28v, 34, 34v, 44v, 52v, 60, 65, 77

Rose Susan 48

Rowleright - *see* Roeright

Rowsham Alice, of Neithrop, latterly of Kings Sutton 75, 82, 86v, 89v, 93, 97, 102v, 106v

Rugg, Ruggle - *see* Ragg

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- Russell** Edward, mercer, SM. (1628),
Tithingman, Constable 30v, 39v, 58v,
83v, 87v, 88v, 124, 127v, 132v;
John, of Great Bourton, 'lately
churchwarden of Great Bourton' 70v,
81v, 86, 89v, 93, 97, 111, 113v, 118,
118v
- Ryley** - *see* **Reyley**
- Ryme** Mary 121
- Rymill** John, of Calthorpe 62v;
Joyce, rel., exix. and oc. John R. 62v
- Sammon** (Samon) Mary, widow of
William S. 3v, 7, 8v;
William, mercer 3v, 8v
- Sargeant** Basil, of Warkworth 100;
Dorothy, servant (Dorothy **Savage**), then
wife of Basil S. 100
- Saunders** Elizabeth (als. Blacksley,
Blackslie, Blacksly, Blaksley) 28, 28v,
34, 44v, 52, 60v, 66, 77v;
(?), widow, mother of Elizabeth S. 36,
45v, 53, 61, 66, 77v
- Saunderson** Alice, widow 120v, 126;
William Mr, curate of Claydon 1v
- Savage** - *see* **Sargeant**
- Scott** (Scot) John, innholder 'of the
George', Tithingman, Constable 1, 7, 36,
46, 62v, 63, 110;
Maniewe/Emanuel Mr, parson of
Fringford 124
- Seacole** Alice, compurgator for Mary
Bentley 21
- Sharpe** (Sharp, Sharpp)
Alice 122, 127v, 132v;
Anne, wife and ador. Henry S. 83;
Henry, bookbinder and bookseller 83;
Philip 56, 62, 67, 78v, 85, 89, 92v, 96v
- Sheppard** (Shepard) Edward, servant of
Mr Bosse 99, 103, 109
- Sherman** (?) 82v
- Sherwood** Benjamin 55v, 61v, 67, 78v;
Daniel 112v;
Henry, tailor, Aletaster, Constable 87v;
- Sherwood** *ctd.* Hugh, tailor, Aletaster,
Constable, B. Corp., Burgess 5, 9v, 14,
20;
Margaret, widow of Hugh S.; pauper; 5,
9v, 14, 20;
Samuel, tailor, son and exor. Henry S.
87v
- Singer** (als. **Norman**) Richard, pauper
36v, 56, 62, 67, 78v
- Sivier** (**Jurden**) Thomas 128, 133
- Skarlett** Mathew, of Horley, husbandman
49, 50v
- Skey** Thomas 1v, 7v, 12v
- Smalebone** Edmund (Edward),
woollendraper, ador. Mathew **Bentlie**;
Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp.,
Burgess 1, 6, 6v, 16, 21, 21v, 26v, 29,
29v, 31v, 33, 36v, 37v, 43v, 46v, 51v,
55, 60v, 65v, 71, 77v, 81v (*see also*
Rymill, Lawrence, Richard);
Elizabeth, dau. of Edmund S. 81v;
Joan, oc. Elizabeth **Wyse** 101, 103v
- Smart** Edward, carrier, pauper 28v, 34v,
45, 52v
- Smith** Anne, wife of Mathew S. 84, 87v,
90;
Helen, (als. Eleanor), dau. of Elizabeth A.;
widow and oc. Michael S., of Calthorpe
15, 20v, 26, 32v, 35, 43v, 45v, 51v, 52v,
60v, 65v, 77;
Henry, currier/carrier, pauper 15v, 21, 26,
30;
John 18;
John, sen., shoemaker 30, 35, 45;
John, jun., son and oc. John S. sen. 30,
35, 45;
Mat(t)hew 84, 87v, 90 (*see also* **Cooke**);
Michael, of Calthorpe 15, 20v, 26, 32v,
43v, 51v, 65v, 77
Susan - *see* **Austin**
- Southam** (als. **Cooke/Crooke**),
Alice, wife of Matthew **Cooke/Crooke**
2v, 8, 13;
Barbara, widow 23v, 28;

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- Southam** *ctd.* Richard, of Neithrop, CW.
(1630), (1631) 59v, 76, 76v, 90v;
Robert, son of Barbara S. 23v, 28
- Sparks** (Sparkes) John, of Hardwick 91,
112, 114, 119, 136v;
Lancelot, oc. Thomas **Gardiner** of
Hardwick 83, 112, 114, 118v, 136v
- Sprigg** (Sprigge) Anthony, son of
Elizabeth S. 25v;
Elizabeth, widow of William S., sen. 4, 9,
13v, 20, 25v, 32;
William, sen. 4;
William, son of Elizabeth S. 9, 13v, 20,
25v, 32, 43, 49
- Stanley** (Stanlie) Frances, of Warkworth
38, 46v, 53v, 61, 66v, 78
- Staunton** Margery, lately of Grimsbury
104v
- Stevens** (Stephens) Anthony, of Neithrop
37v (*see* **Charles**)
- Steward** (Styward) Anne, (als.
Rickettes/Rickardes), dau. and legatee
of Elizabeth/Isabella R. 24, 29v;
John, son of Lawrence S. 2, 7v, 12v, 19v,
24, 25, 28;
Lawrence, victualler, compurgator for
Edmund **Smalebone** 2, 7v, 8, 12v, 19v,
21, 24, 25, 28, 37, 63, 68, 68v, 72, 72v,
80;
Richard, compurgator for Edmund
Smalebone 21, 37
- Stilles - *see* **Styles**
- Stokes** (Stokes) Anne, wife of Nicholas
S. 61;
Henry, carrier, compurgator for Edmund
Smalebone 21, 38, 47, 53v, 61;
Michael 87v;
Nicholas, son and oc. Henry S. 38, 47,
53v, 61
- Stockley** (Stocklie) Helen 128, 133
see also **Stukeley**
- Stokes** - *see* **Stokes**
- Strong** Alice 104;
Nathaniel 110v;
Strong *ctd.* Rebecca, rel. and oc. Nathaniel
S. 110v;
Zachary, son and oc. Alice S. 104
- Stukeley** John 91v, 110
see also **Stockley**
- Sturton** Joan = Joan **Turton**, sister and
legatee of Thomas **Nicholls** 31
- Styles** (Stilles) William, miller, tem. oc.
William **Higgins** 58, 62v, 68, 79v, 85,
89, 91v, 92v, 94v, 96v, 98v, 104v, 107v,
108, 112
- Styward** Margaret, wife of Lawrence S.
72v;
Mary, pretended wife of Charles **Dent** 71;
Richard, jun. 128v, 133
- Such** Anne (als. **Daux, Daukes**), wife of
Samuel S. 25v, 32v, 43v, 51, 60, 65, 77
(*see also under* **Dawkes**);
Samuel 25v, 32v, 43v, 51, 60, 65, 77
- Sweitt** (Swett, Sweitt, Swiet, Swiett) Giles
Mr, Dr (from 106v), Commissary 1, 7,
12, 18, 19, 24, 25, 31v, 32, 43, 48v, 50,
51, 55, 59v, 60, 65, 71, 75, 77, 81v, 85,
89, 92, 96, 102, 106v, 111, 115v, 120,
131, 136, 137
- Tatam** (Tatham, Tattam) Roger, pauper
22v, 27, 33v, 44, 52, 57, 60v, 62, 65v,
67v, 77v, 79
- Taylor** (Taylor) Agnes, of Grimsbury,
widow of Robert T., mother of Lawrence
T. 88;
Alice, of Neithrop, widow of Thomas T.
3v, 8v;
Alice, dau. of Susanna T. (als. **Mayoe**);
rel. of Mat(t)hew T.; pauper 22v, 23v,
27v, 33v, 44;
Catherine (als. **Grundy**), wife of Richard
G., dau. and legatee of Thomas T. 71v,
81v (*see also under* **Grundy**);
Edward, of Brixworth, son and oc.
William T., 'sojourner in B.' 70, 81;
Edward 31, 55v, 61v, 67;
Elizabeth, widow and exix. William T. of
Neithrop 88, 108;

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- Tayler** *ctd.* Lawrence (als. **Paris**), son of Agnes T. 88;
 Mary, dau. and exix. Elizabeth, dau. of William T. of Neithrop 108;
 Mat(t)hew, shoemaker 23v, 27v, 33v, 44;
 Robert (als. **Paris**), of Grimsbury, husbandman 4;
 Susanna (als. **Mayoe**), widow 22v;
 Thomas, of Neithrop 71v, 81v;
 William, of Neithrop, husbandman, son of Alice T., son, res. leg. and exor. Thomas T.; CW (1626), (1627) 3v, 8v, 11, 23, 30v, 71v, 81v, 88;
 William of Grimsbury, CW. (1626), (1627), (1634), (1635) 11, 23, 30v, 111, 113v, 118, 125;
 William, labourer 57v, 62v, 64v, 67v, 79;
 William, 'sojourner in B.' 70, 81
 William - *see also* **Bentley**, Magdalen
- Terry** (Terrey) John, Tithingman, SM. (1630), (1631), CW. (1632), (1633) 59v, 76, 76v, 90v, 92, 96, 102, 106
- Thorpe** William, of Neithrop 86v
- Toms** Edward, of Kings Sutton, brother of George T. and Robert T. 130, 134v;
 George, of Astrop 130, 134v;
 Giles, carpenter 121;
 John, son and ador. Giles T. 121;
 Margaret, wid. and adix. Giles T. 121;
 Robert, of Kings Sutton 129, 129v, 130, 130v, 134, 134v, 136
- Tong** (Tongue) George, son of Humphrey T.; oc. Rebecca **Wells** 98v, 101, 103v, 108;
 Humphrey 101, 103v;
 Joan 7
- Traunter** John 112v
- Turton** John, feoffee-in-trust, Bartholomew **Nayler**; Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Bridgemaster, Mayor 39, 39v, 47v, 53v, 61, 66v, 78
see also **Sturton**
- Tustian** Martin, son and rel. and tem. oc. Thomas T. 112v, 115v, 119v, 126, 131v;
 Thomas 112v, 115v, 119v, 126, 131v
- Udall** (Vadall) Robert 3, 56;
 William 16v, 57v(?)
- Vadall - *see* **Udall**
- Vicars** (Viccars, Vickers) Anne, compurgator for Anne **Pratchett** 132v;
 Goody, labourer 64v;
 (?), Mr 81v
- Vivers** Richard Mr, woollendraper, farmer of tithes, ador. Fulke **Wing**, Constable, Overseer of the Poor, B. Corp. Burgess, Alderman, Mayor, Bridgemaster 48, 58v, 64v, 91v, 94v, 98, 103, 106v, 111v, 138;
 Robert 137
- Wackton - *see* **Watton**
- Wagwall** Sarah, compurgator for Frances **Higgins** 15v
- Walford** Elizabeth, widow, of Neithrop 108
- Walker** Alice, dau. and legatee of Thomas **Kinton/Kenton** 39, 47v, 54, 61, 78;
 Anne, dau. and legatee of Thomas **Weston** 66v;
 Edward, labourer, Tollgatherer for Beast Market 54v;
 Jane, wife of John W. 64, 69v, 80v;
 John, son of Alice W.; pauper 54, 64, 69v, 80v;
 Stephen, son of Thomas **Kinton/Kenton** 39, 47v;
 (?), Mr, of Alkerton 80v
- Walmesley** Anne, rel. of John W., sen. 58, 62v, 68;
 John, jun., surety for Sarah **Burrowes**; Taster of Victuals 46v, 58, 62v, 68, 79v, 85, 89, 92v, 96v, 102v
- Walsall** Raynold/Reginald, butcher 37v, 46v, 53, 56, 61, 66, 78, 114, 119
- Walsoe** Robert 137
- Ward** John, baker 38v, 47v, 53v;
 Mary, widow and oc. John W. 38v, 47v, 53v;
 Samuel, maltster 121v, 126v, 132
- Warner** William, blacksmith 110

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- Washington** Richard, clerk, Rector of Swerford 130v
- Wattes** Edward, of Great Bourton, ador. Thomas **Crowder** 30
- Watton** (Wackton) Margaret, wife of William W., jun., of Horley 31v, 41, 50; William, sen., of Horley 40v, 49v; William, jun., son of William W. of Horley 17, 17v, 22, 31v, 40, 41, 49v, 50, 50v
- Wawford** Elizabeth, rel., oc. and exix. Walter W. 30; Walter, of Neithrop, glover 30
see also Welford
- Webb** (Webbe) Alice, compurgator for Frances **Higgins** 15v; Anne, wife of John W. 48, 54, 61, 66v (*see also* Anne **Gregory**); John, of Calthorpe, husband of Anne **Gregory** 30v, 48, 48v, 54, 61, 66v; John, mercer, SM. (1626), (1627), CW. (1628), (1629), Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Mayor, Bridgemaster, Chamberlain 11, 23, 30v, 39v, 48, 58v, 59; Thomas, mercer, B. Corp., Chamberlain, Alderman, Bailiff, Mayor, Overseer of the Poor, Bridgemaster, J.P. 16v, 21v
- Welford** Avis, wife of Richard W. 1v, 7, 12, 19, 25, 120v, 126; Richard, exor. Alice **Saunderson**; pauper 1v, 7, 12, 19, 25, 120v, 126
- Wells** (Wels) Anne, of Horley, dau. of Robert W., wife of William **Merry** 74; Mary, widow, mother-in-law of Richard **Richards** 115, 128v; Rebecca 98v, 108; Robert, CW. (1628) of Horley 31; Walter, husbandman 69
- West** Aholiab/Aholyab, CW. (1630), (1631), Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Mayor, Overseer of the Poor, Bridgemaster 59v, 76, 76v, 90v, 101v, 138;
- West** *ctd.* Avis, widow and exix. Samuel W., jun.; pauper, 'lives at Adderbury' 23, 27v, 33v; Elizabeth, widow and exix. Samuel W., sen.; pauper 23; John 64; Samuel, sen., of Neithrop 23; Samuel, jun. 23, 27v, 33v
- Weston** Edward, son of Edward W. 18; Edward, of Grimsbury, chandler, brother, oc. and ador. Robert W.; SM. (1628), (1629) 30v, 39v, 48, 58v, 88, 90; Edward, son of Frances W.; servant of Mrs **Hawten** 83, 87, 90, 93v; Elizabeth - *see under* **Fletcher**; Frances, rel. John W. 83, 87, 90, 93v, 98v, 108; George, son of Margery W., brother and ador. Thomas W.; exor. and tem. ador. Margery W. and William W., jun. 27v, 69, 82v, 86v, 89v, 93v, 95, 97v, 98v, 101v, 102v, 105v, 106v, 107v, 108, 108v; James 105v; John 98v, 108; Margery, widow of William W., sen., mother and exix. William W., jun., mother and oc. Thomas W. 23v, 27v, 33v, 44, 52, 60v, 63v, 65v, 69, 98v, 101v, 102v, 105v, 106v, 107v, 108v; Mary, wife of Matthew W. 2v; Matthew 2v; Robert 88, 90, 94; Thomas, son of Margery W. 63v, 66v, 69, 82v, 86v, 89v, 93v, 97v, 102v, 106v; William, jun. 23v, 27v, 33v, 44, 52, 60v, 65v
- Wheatley** (Whateley, Whatley, Whatlie, Wheatly) Alice, widow and exix. Samuel W. 22v; Elizabeth, wife of John W. 83v, 87v; John, mercer, brother of William W., Vicar of B.; Tithingman, Constable 2v, 8, 13, 19v, 29, 34v, 45, 55v, 61v, 63, 83v, 87v, 88v;

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- Wheatley** *ctd.* Nathaniel, saddler, CW. (1626), farmer of rectory of B., Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Bridgemaster, Alderman, Mayor, J.P., Deputy Mayor, Chamberlain 11, 23, 30v, 137;
 Samuel, of Neithrop, woollendraper, yeoman 22v;
 Thomas Mr, mercer, tem. oc. William **Leeson**; Constable, B. Corp., Alderman, Bailiff, Mayor, Bridgemaster, J.P. 70v, 81;
 William, Vicar of B., sub-Commissary 14v, 17v, 31, 38v, 43, 47, 48v, 50, 53v, 58v, 64v, 72v, 77, 77v, 78v, 79, 80, 80v, 82, 82v, 84, 86, 87v, 88, 88v, 91v, 95, 96, 100, 101, 102, 106, 109, 111, 113v, 118, 120v, 123, 124v, 125, 131, 131v, 137;
 William, apothecary, SM. (1632), (1633), CW. (1638), Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp., Burgess, Alderman, Mayor, Bridgemaster 92, 96, 102, 106, 138
- Wheeler** Elizabeth, of Horley, wife of William **Hameel** 74
- White** Barbara, widow 95, 104v, 111v;
 Eleanor, rel., tem. oc. and adix. Thomas W. 91;
 Elizabeth 128, 133;
 Elizabeth, wife of Matthew - *see under* **Hadley**
 Joseph, son, exor. and oc. Barbara W. 104v, 111v;
 Juliane, widow, tem. oc. and adix. Nicodemus W. 88v, 91;
 Mathew, shoemaker, husband of Elizabeth **Hadley** 135v;
 Nicholas 15v;
 Nicodemus/Nichodemus, glover 88v, 91;
 Richard, pauper 28v, 34, 44v, 52v, 60, 65, 77;
 Thomas 16v, 91
- Whitston** William 63v, 69, 80v, 85v, 89v
- Wilkins** Frideswide, rel. and exix. James W. 121;
- Wilkins** *ctd.* James, of Neithrop, labourer, victualler 121;
 John, Taster of Victuals 125, 131;
 Mary, widow, mother of John and Thomas **Newman** 108;
 Robert 100v, 103v, 107, 111v, 114, 118v
- Williams** Anne, widow and tem. oc. Thomas W. 91, 94, 98;
 Thomas 91, 94, 98
- Williamson** Edward, Taster of Victuals 83;
 Isabel/Elizabeth, rel., tem. oc. and adix. Thomas W., sen. 5v, 9v, 14, 20, 25v, 32v, 43, 51, 54v, 70;
 Thomas, sen., tailor 54v;
 Thomas, jun., shoemaker, oc. and legatee Edward W. 83
- Wills** Eleanor, widow and exix. Sampson **Giles**, of 'Coulton' (Coton), Cropredy 14v
- Wilshire** (Wilsheire) John, shoemaker 64, 69v
- Wilson** Goodridge, of Grimsbury, CW. (1628) 30v, 39v, 58v
- Wing** (Winge) Anne, widow of John W., mother of Margaret **Nicholls** 16v, 70, 81, 86;
 Fulk, tailor 91v, 94v, 98, 103, 106v, 111v;
 Isabel, widow and oc. Thomas W. 30;
 John, mercer, B. Corp., Burgess, Chamberlain, Overseer of the Poor, Alderman, Mayor, Bridgemaster 17v, 22;
 Thomas, shoemaker 30
- Wise** (Wyse) Anne, dau. of Simon W. 55, 61v, 66v, 78;
 Elizabeth, widow 101, 103v;
 John, compurgator for Michael **Clarke**, exor. Thomas **Kinton/Kenton**, exor. Thomas **Weston** 12v, 39, 47v, 54, 61, 66v, 78;
 Simon 55, 61v, 66v, 78
- Wootton** Anne, pauper 8v

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Wrighton (Righton, Rigton) Richard 63v,
115v, 119v, 126, 132;

Susan 1v, 7v, 12v

Wyse - *see* Wise

Yates John, tailor, SM. (1628),
Tithingman, Constable, B. Corp.,
Assistant 30v, 39v, 48, 58v

Yatton Anne 16v

Yewick, Youick - *see* Ewicke

No surname given:

Elizabeth, servant of Mrs **Hawten** of
Calthorpe 83, 83v, 87, 93v

Jeremy, servant of Samuel **Ward** 121v,
126v, 132

Joan, servant of Henry **Fox (Cox)** 121v,
126v, 132

Michael, servant of Mr **Chamberlayne** of
Wickham 128v, 133

